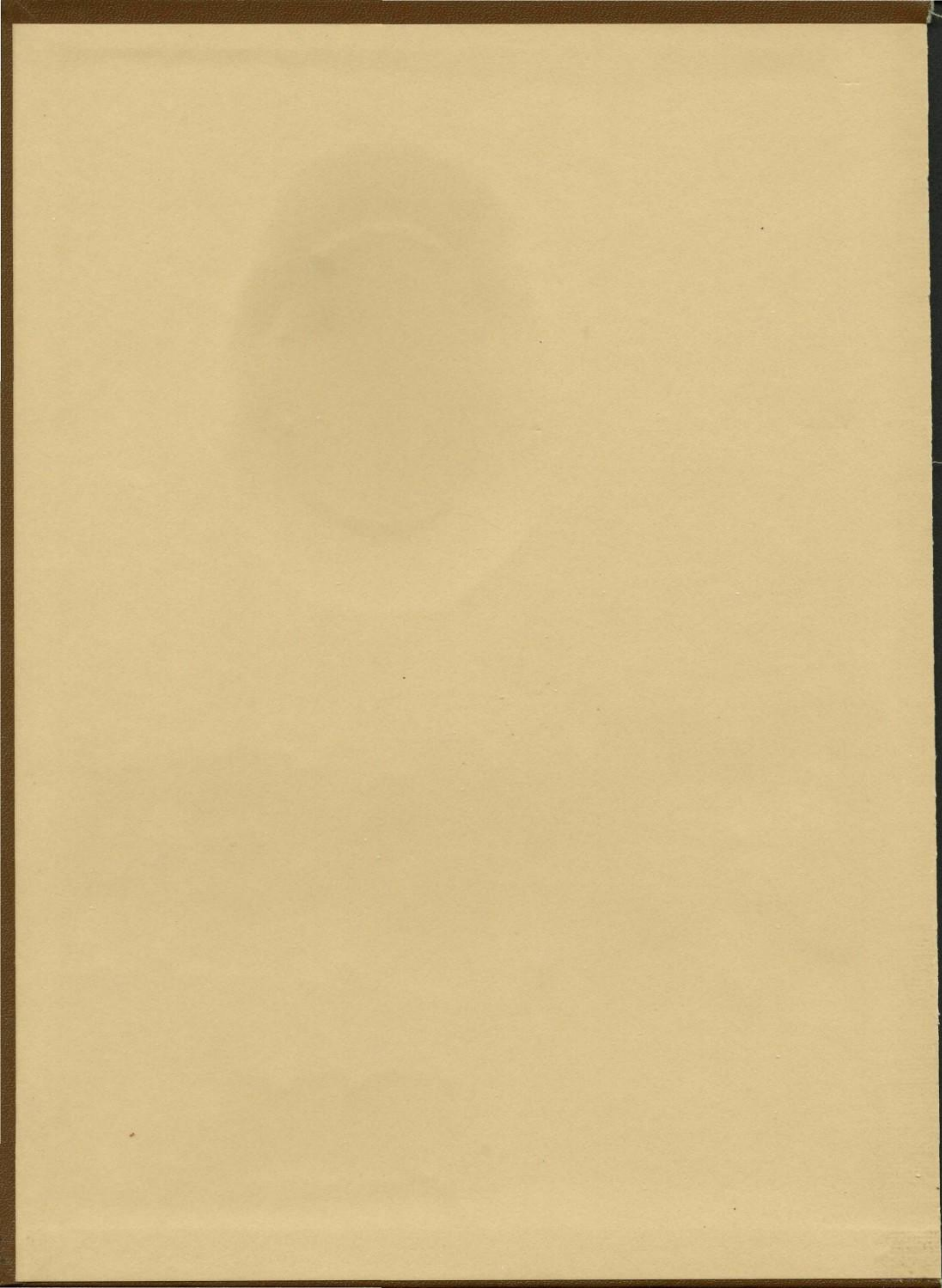
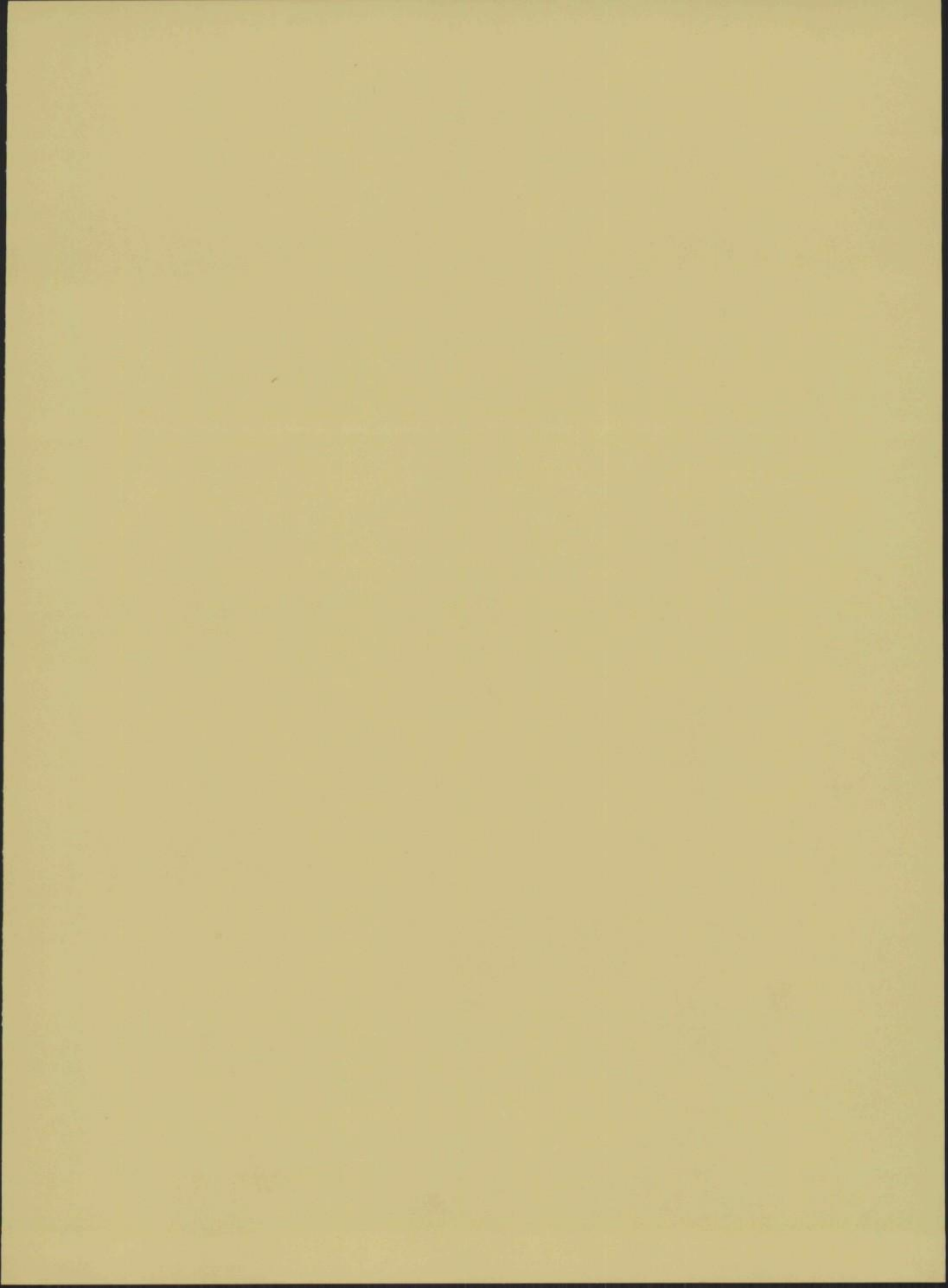


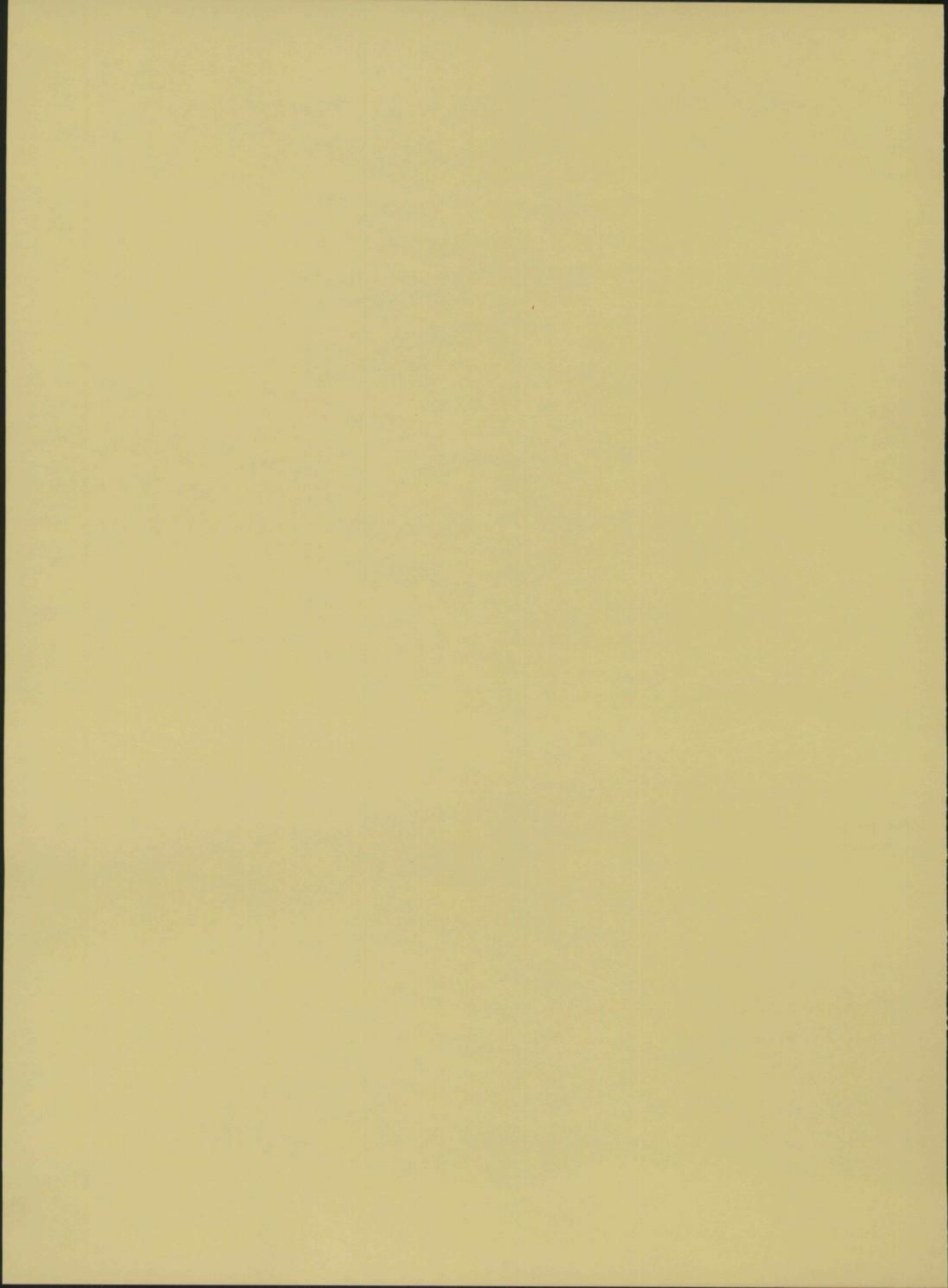


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FOREWORD

20th Anniversary Year Leaves Memories for All

This was the 20th anniversary of West Deer High School. It became the year a jam-packed school enrollment of 1,073 students will never forget.

On the following 150 pages is the official history of the 1962-63 school term at West Deer High. A group of eight photographers, an editorial and business staff of over 85 people, and one faculty adviser combined talents and dedicated work to preserve the complete story. It required a collection of 1,543 photographs and over 20,000 written words to adequately tell the story.

What made this 20th year so significant? Well, to different people it probably was different things.

Maybe one memory everyone will have is the frenzied joy we experienced when our basketball team won the championship for the first time in the school's history.

Or do you remember some other aspects of life in that year? Perhaps you trembled as did everyone else in the world during those anxious moments when we seemed on the verge of war over the Cuban situation. Maybe you remember that record shattering cold snap when you trudged to school while the thermometer read 20-below zero.

More likely, it will be those fleeting moments you'll remember most. The limbo dance . . . wig hats . . . love chains out of chewing gum wrappers . . . 50-mile hikes for President Kennedy's physical fitness program . . . Elizabeth Taylor in "Cleopatra" . . . the Beverly Hillbillies of TV . . .

If these reflections come to mind from time to time, we know you will enjoy reviewing your 1963 Coalagra, whether it be today or 50 years from now when you chuckle over it with your grandchildren.



BACK TO SCHOOL—A record-breaking crowd of students returned for the 20th anniversary term at West Deer.

TAKES WILL POWER—'Sure was tough getting back to the books.



UNDER THE BAR—Everyone was dancing the limbo. Barb Stecz is going to make it. To her right is (or was!!) Bill Reith whose "limbo-er" was off kilter.

In August - September . . .

Back to West Deer High We Come For Another Exciting Year

Smiles and shouts, the joys of old friendships renewed, new faces mingled among the old—these greeted all as the doors of West Deer High School opened for the exciting 20th Anniversary term.

A busy summer ended officially August 28 when West Deer continued its tradition of being the first area school to commence instruction for the year. This term also inaugurated the new 182-day session. For the past 20 years it had been 180 days.

It wasn't long, however, that all settled down to the routine of classes and homework!

Making the first out-of-the-classroom news was the beginning of football season and selection of lovely Kathy Preisser as Homecoming Queen.

At after-game celebrations, a new contortion dance known as the "Limbo" was making itself known. Soon all at West Deer were trying it and doing every imaginable back-bending antic to get under the limbo bar. And who won't remember the top song of the month—a weirdy called "The Monster Mash."

It heralded quite a beginning for a mighty eventful year.



QUEEN KATHY—Football captain Ron Trevellini does the honors of crowning Kathy Preisser Homecoming Queen.



BREATH-TAKING VIEW—A science class studies the magnificence of nature during the fall season in the wooded area situated near West Deer High School.



THE PROBLEM—All the world was concerned about Cuba.



October Turned Out To Be Awe-Inspiring . . .

Happy . . .

Tense

We experienced October, 1962, with mixed emotions.

We were fascinated by the awe-inspiring scene of West Deer in the fall . . . the campus green with its smooth, velvet appearance . . . the majestic tall Oaks across the road gleaming in the sunlight, gayly made up in a myriad of colors in a final adieu to warm weather.

We were happy for this was the month we again won the Antler football trophy, of the S & S, and of new friendships now firmly established.

We were tense over the latest world tension. In a startling show of strength and determination, President Kennedy issued lightning orders to blockade Cuba because Russian missile sites were being constructed with alarming rapidity. Everyone held his breath. Did it mean war? Only time would tell. In the meantime, every heart skipped a beat at the sound of planes overhead or when the TV program was interrupted by the almost constant news bulletins.

Weather-wise, we watched in amazement as snow with a one-inch accumulation fell as early as Oct. 24. It caught the students without their boots and teachers without winter-grips on their cars.

The month closed with another "world-shaking" problem: "What to do about the length of girls' skirts which had just about reached the point of no return!" It was a funny sight to see girls checking to see if they had an acceptable length. That is, if the skirt touched the floor while she was kneeling, it passed the faculty glance approval. If it didn't touch, well it at least passed the dance stag line approval.



MARATHON TWIST—Everyone lends support as "Big Mike" and Maxine Flynn prove to be the best twisters at the S&S party.



LONG AND SHORT OF IT—One of the "crucial" problems facing the world this year was the length of girls' skirts. Here's a front row view of the extreme contrast in skirt lengths worn by WD girls.

November Featured Pep Rallies . . . Junior Auction and Tetanus Shots!!

Pep rallies, tetanus shots, elections, the Junior Auction, Beverly Hillbillies, Thanksgiving . . . put 'em together and they indicate what we talked about mainly in November.

The usual pep rallies and after-game dances were in full swing, and they proved to be the right change-of-pace for the daily classroom work.

Most of the excitement was generated by the juniors at their annual fund-raising auction. After the traditional desperation, all ended jubilantly with the juniors clutching over \$1,300 profits to be used for the prom.

During the month the Cuban situation eased somewhat after the tension-packed episodes of last month. Nevertheless, the world still watched nervously as an unexpected border war flared up between India and China.

Everyone was particularly interested in this month's general elections since one of our faculty members, Mr. Piazza, was running for the position of state assemblyman.

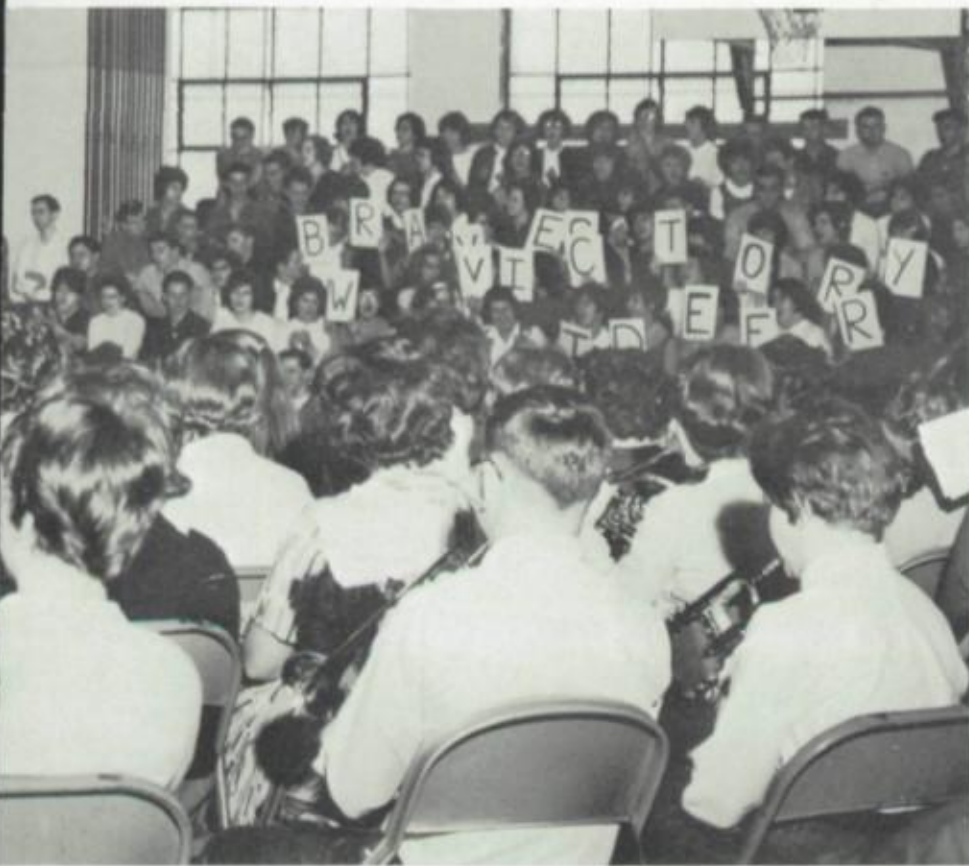
Back at the ranch, any student could be found doing his homework (????) while watching the "Beverly Hillbillies," the TV comedy currently receiving the highest ratings, and humming the hit song of the day, "Big Girls Don't Cry."



WE'RE THE BRAVES—Pep rallies were always a lot of fun.



THE GANG'S ALL HERE—A spirit of friendship developed at the fun-filled dances that followed football and basketball games.



YAHOO!—They say if you express what's on your mind at the time, it doesn't hurt as much when you get your tetanus shot.



TV FAVORITES—Many a page of nightwork was done during the year while at the same time watching the *Beverly Hillbillies*, on television.



GOING ONCE, TWICE, GONE!—An antique table does its bit at the Junior Auction to help raise funds for the prom.

Nothing Can Compare With Christmas Time At West Deer High



AND AWAY WE GO—Jim Cunningham and Lynn White enjoy helping out with annual distribution of toys and food gifts from WD students to needy families in the township.

There's nothing that can compare with December at West Deer High School. What an exciting and enjoyable month.

Once again the rooms were brightly decked in their Christmas finery, and the halls and classrooms bustled with an incomparable happiness.

Students from the youngest seventh grader to the oldest senior had a part in making someone's Christmas just a bit more blessed when they contributed food at the annual "Tiny Tim" dance, this year sponsored by the senior class. The canned goods, along with other gifts, were distributed by the seniors to needy families in the township.

Revived this year was the faculty "treat" for the entire student body. Doing all the work themselves and footing the bill, the faculty members served up pop, ice cream, and cake at what everyone hopes will resume as an annual Christmas party.

A festive meal in the cafeteria and the enjoyable assembly presented by Mrs. Williams' eighth graders highlighted the pre-holiday vacation events.



MORE YULE SPIRIT—Emma Smith, Eileen Lekse, and Barb Pawloski were among the seniors who delivered gifts to appreciative orphans.



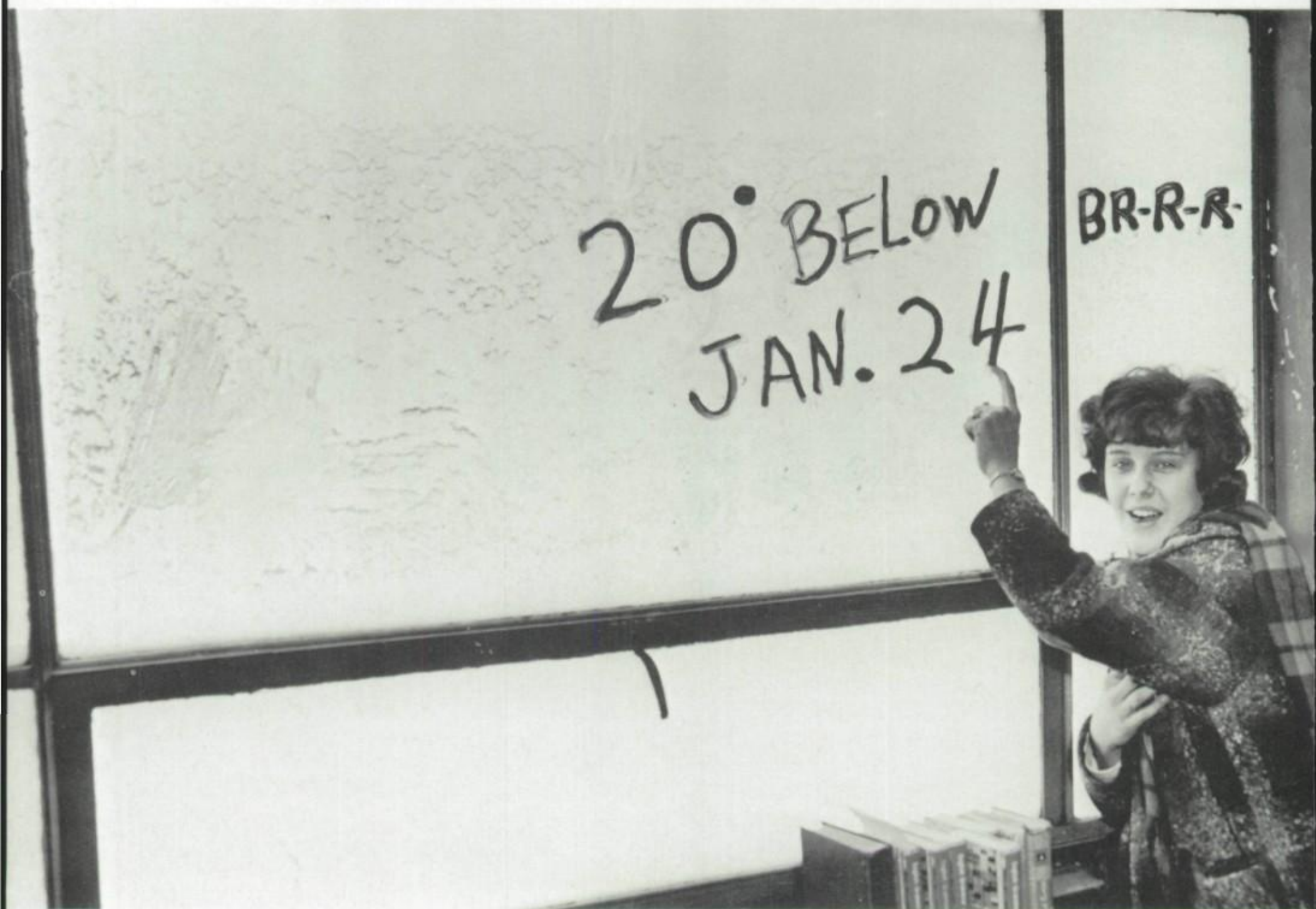
FROSTY THE SNOWMAN—Highlighting the season was the enjoyable assembly presented by eighth graders.



CHRISTMAS WITH "MR. K."—Mr. Kristofik and his little elf buddy, Jack Shields, add to the festive classroom decorations.



FACULTY "TREAT"—Serving as Santa Clauses this year were the faculty members who re-newed their annual Christmas treat.



SURE WAS COLD—Georgia Blainer scratches out record temperature on frosted window inside Room 9-1.

HERE'S PROOF—Those scarf-bundled faces peeping at you belong to Kathy Venesky and George Drombosky, showing the 20-below-zero temperature on that cold Jan. 24th.

We're Still Trying
To Thaw Out
From January 1963



LIKE THIS, FELLOWS—Stevie Stieveson shows his buddies how he solved the problem of cold noses—just put earmuffs over your nose. Now the problem is—cold ears!



Just don't mention January, 1963—or you'll make the goose-bumps break out all over again. Most people are still trying to thaw out from record shattering cold that enveloped our corner of the earth at that time.

Thermometers dipped to all-time lows, causing numbing air, frosty windows, frostbitten ears, and days when over 200 students were absent. Will we ever forget the day the mercury registered a "cool" -20 degrees outside and a "warm" 50 degrees in some of the classrooms?

January was also the traditional mid-term exam month. With only three report periods left, WD students "vowed" they would really study hard (??!!) from now on.



TAKES CONCENTRATION—Among all our other problems in January remained the unescapable duty of taking those nasty mid-term examinations.

Paul Grandy was the headliner of the month by winning the '63 American Legion Oratorical Contest.

And when the exams were over, we relaxed a bit by catching up on some movies, including "The Interns," "West Side Story," and "The Miracle Worker." It was about this time, too, when the epidemic of "wig hats" was just about bowing out. The contraption was a latest female style head adornment that resembled human hair. It looked so fantastic on some girls that most schools soon outlawed wearing it to classes.

That was January, 1963. Throw another log on the fire, Pop.

In February . . .

Our Team Wins

In Basketball . . .

It's a Great Feeling

To Be the Champs!

TO THE VICTORS—The WPIAL trophy. That's what we wanted. Senior players Bob Paszek, Jack Grunden, Dave McMaster, Rich Dickson, and Bob Uchic proudly display it, the first in the school's history.



Some said it resembled Times Square, New York City, on New Year's Eve. Others remarked that it reminded them of the wild jubilation when World War II ended.

That's about the only way you can describe the exhilaration we felt around West Deer High School when our basketball team came through to win the WPIAL sectional championship in February.

What made it so significant was that this

was the first time the school had ever won a basketball championship in its 20-year history.

During the weeks of championship play, there were celebrations and gaiety, the like of which was never before seen in the halls of ol' West Deer High.

Our team had won! . . . For the first time we felt what it was like to be a champion! . . . And the feeling was a mighty good one!!



WE WON!—A victory parade in the halls spreads the news.



Bobbie Wins Title . . .
 Senior Play Is Hit . . .
 'Be Sweet to Teachers' . . .
 All in Month of March

For those at West Deer High School, March, 1963, was comparatively relaxed time after the emotion-packed days of the previous months.

Except for a few off-the-beaten-path happenings, most students were fairly well settled in the routine of homework, questions at the end of the chapter, research papers, themes, etc., etc., etc.

The one really bright spot of the month was the honor brought to West Deer by Roberta Grass, who was selected first runner-up in the annual Jay-Cee Queen contest.

Then, too, Mr. Kristofik made a successful debut as faculty director of the annual senior class play. This year it was a real laugh producing comedy, "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis."

With no Friday night basketball games to attend now, some returned to a movie viewing schedule that included such productions as "Cleopatra," "The Longest Day," "Son of Flubber," "Days of Wine and Roses."

And if you didn't go to the movies, maybe you joined some of your friends in the latest fad—constructing "love chains," enormous lengths of interwoven chewing gum wrappers.



ANOTHER PREDICAMENT—Sheral Brick tries to "pull herself out of this one," as Rich Dickson, Dave McMaster and Marianne Boch assist in a scene from the senior play, "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis."

CAN'T BE TRUE—Mr. Fortun and Mr. Antonelli stare in disbelief at display FTA president Marlene Verbetic arranges on bulletin board in tribute to teachers.



IN RAPTURE—The Coalagra photographer recorded this expression on the face of Bobbie Grass when it was announced she had been named first runner-up for area Jay-Cee Queen.



The social season and spring fever—with those final comprehensive exams thrown in for good measure. This is the traditional April around West Deer.

The comprehensives are given as reviews of the entire year's work. They usually turn out to be real block-busters.

In other events around school, most of the classes had their annual spring class parties. The big one was the seniors' dinner-dance, enhanced with an Hawaiian theme.

Adding their names to the '63 Hall of Fame were popular seniors Bob Uchic and Barb Burns who were selected King and Queen of Sports.



OUR MONARCHY—King and Queen of Sports, Bob Uchic and Barb Burns, receive congratulations of Dave Scott, popular KQV disc-jockey.

School Life Perks Up as April Brings on Spring

Latest talk was about another new style being promoted by the girls. This one was a compromise between a skirt and slacks—called a "culotte." Although the style had possibilities, school authorities and the public in general felt they were a bit un-lady like in this current era of civilization. Thus they were banned for wear in the classroom.

Baseball was re-introduced as a varsity sport at West Deer this year after an absence of several seasons. It was strictly a building season for Coach Vitkay's young squad who worked on the needed experience to put WD back on top in baseball—a position the school held triumphantly for many years.

UNDER THE PALM TREE—Seniors touch up dinner-dance decorations.





FORBIDDEN FASHION—Cecil Sokolowski calmly models the women's clothes fad of the year, the outlawed "culottes."



EENIE-MEENIE—Sometimes you have to revert to the last resort in order to tackle those difficult final comprehensives.

WAY TO GO—Here's one of the happier moments of the re-introduced varsity baseball at WD this year.





HI, SENATOR—Leroy Beckes meets Pennsylvania Sen. Hugh Scott in Washington after winning P.O.D. class Law Day essay contest.

The 20th anniversary school term West Deer High School closed with the busiest of all months, May.

The month brought joy to underclassmen as they eagerly looked forward to a fun-filled summer vacation, and a bit of nostalgia to the members of the graduating class as they realized these were the last days they would walk the halls of their Alma Mater and truly belong.

Senior Recognition Day and Coronation limelighted the concluding days, as Lee McDonald was crowned the 1963 Senior Class Queen, along with graduation day.

More end of the year honors continued to pour in for WD students, including a trip to Washington for Leroy Beckes. Leroy was awarded the prize for his outstanding essay written after representing Mr. Angeloni's P.O.D. class at the annual Law Day ceremonies in Pittsburgh.

Then all too quickly the school year was over. The final bell rang, students made their way home for the last time this term, taking with them the memoirs of a never-to-be-forgotten year at West Deer High School—1962-63.

Final Days Speed By; Graduation Marks Farewell



WE ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE—Class valedictorian Paul Grandy addresses the audience at the outdoor graduation ceremonies.

NOW, MR. MARSILI—Getting that diploma was tough enough, conceded the graduates. But getting past the harrassing faculty row was even tougher.





ALL OVER—Mrs. Herman gives it the finishing touches.

HOMEWARD BOUND—It seems to end all too quickly.





William E. Burns, Superintendent of Schools

Administration of Schools Calls f

Untold hours of dedicated effort are put in daily, weekly, and yearly by the administrators and School Board of the West Deer Twp. School District. This term, 1962-63, some extremely important decisions had to be made.

For one thing, the district continued its unrelentless enrollment pace as more and more families moved into the township. The entire school district population climbed near the 2,500 mark, while the high

school cleared 1,000.

All planning for the education of these individuals rested in the hands of WILLIAM E. BURNS, superintendent of township schools; BURTON H. STEVENSON, supervisor of elementary schools, and MATTHEW F. PETRINA, high school principal. Of course, all their decisions were subject to the School Board's approval.

Extremely missed in our school administration was



BOARD OF EDUCATION—Seated, Robert Graham, Mrs. Elizabeth Doman, William Rodger, John Makuta. Standing, Louis Castello, Clarence Norris, Robert Hazlett.



Matthew F. Petrina, High School Principal

tience, Ability, and Critical Judgment

DR. BRUNO CASILE, former director of curriculum who last year left West Deer administrative duties to become a professor at Duquesne University.

Probably the most significant event of the year was the announcement that an O.K. had been received for West Deer to construct a 7th-8th grade annex near the high school building. This was expected to greatly alleviate jam-packed conditions at the high school, built for around 500 and now housing more

than 1,000. Previous building plans for more classroom space had been blocked by county and state authorities pending outcome on various merger plans that were discussed in length but never got off the ground.

However, the future for the school district appears pointed towards another era of success and efficiency, with an able, progressive administration and School Board to lead the way.

RIGHT HAND GALS—The West Deer Twp. School District is a near-million dollar a year industry. And a large portion of paper work connected with that industry is handled by our efficient office secretaries, left, Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Kondrak, at the high school office, and Miss Lawrence and Miss Broglia, at the Bairdford school district office. They're important cogs in keeping West Deer humming.



Inventions, Politics, Twins Concerned Faculty in '63

What did they talk about in the faculty rooms during the 1962-63 term?

Well, no doubt most of the conversation centered on Mickey Vitkay "Edison," politics, how to care for twins in the family, as well as the perennial problem of how to effectively handle ever increasing classroom loads.

MR. VITKAY could probably be labeled the West Deer Teacher of the Year. The amiable science instructor made newspaper headlines with his amazing "Kwik-hot" invention that purifies, heats, decontaminates, and carries water all in one. He appeared on several TV shows with his intriguing outdoor unit, as well as speaking to many interested groups. The Allegheny Valley Chamber of Commerce hailed the product as a distinct possibility for a new industry in the area.

In the bustling world of local politics and public service, MR. PIAZZA and MR. MARSICO were names in the news. Mr. Piazza, who was the recent people's choice for justice of the peace, lost out in a bid for the state legislature, while Mr. Marsico gained immeasurable popularity even though losing the Arnold school district race by one vote.

And this was significant: for the fourth consecutive year, a set of twins was born in a faculty member's family. This year MR. and MRS. MAURONI made the proud announcement—twin girls born in May. Other members of the exclusive "WD Faculty Twins Club" are such illustrious people as the POWERS, the SEKANICKS, and the WHARTENBYS. Which family is going to carry the double-diaper banner

the coming year is the question!

The new members of the faculty staff for the term were MR. KRISTOFIK, MR. DeCAPITE, and MR. HAJEL. They replaced MRS. BASSETT, MR. FORTINO, and DR. CASILE who left for positions in other school districts.

Another pleasant addition was MRS. KONDRAK, hired as a secretary to help with the voluminous clerical work in the several high school offices.

In academic circles, WD faculty members had their hands full trying to keep pace with bulging classes and more and more papers to check. Very successful during the year were their several in-service training days, including the valuable English workshop held in the high school and attended by all the teachers. Most of the teachers continued their quest for self-improvement and keeping up with modern teaching trends by attending graduate school and numerous conferences. The latest to receive masters degrees were MR. CAPELLMAN, MRS. PIAZZA, MR. SALVATORE, MR. VITKAY, while many teachers continued to work on even more advanced credits.

Throughout church, community, and civic phases of life, many WD teachers could be found in leadership positions. Some of these were MR. ANTONELLI, Lions Club president; MR. MARSILI, Lions Club secretary; MR. GRAFF, Civil Defense instructor; MRS. SCHUSTER, who had another article published in a national magazine, as well as being a leader with Duquesne University alumni; MR. VITKAY, chairman of the now famous St. Victor's summer bazaar.



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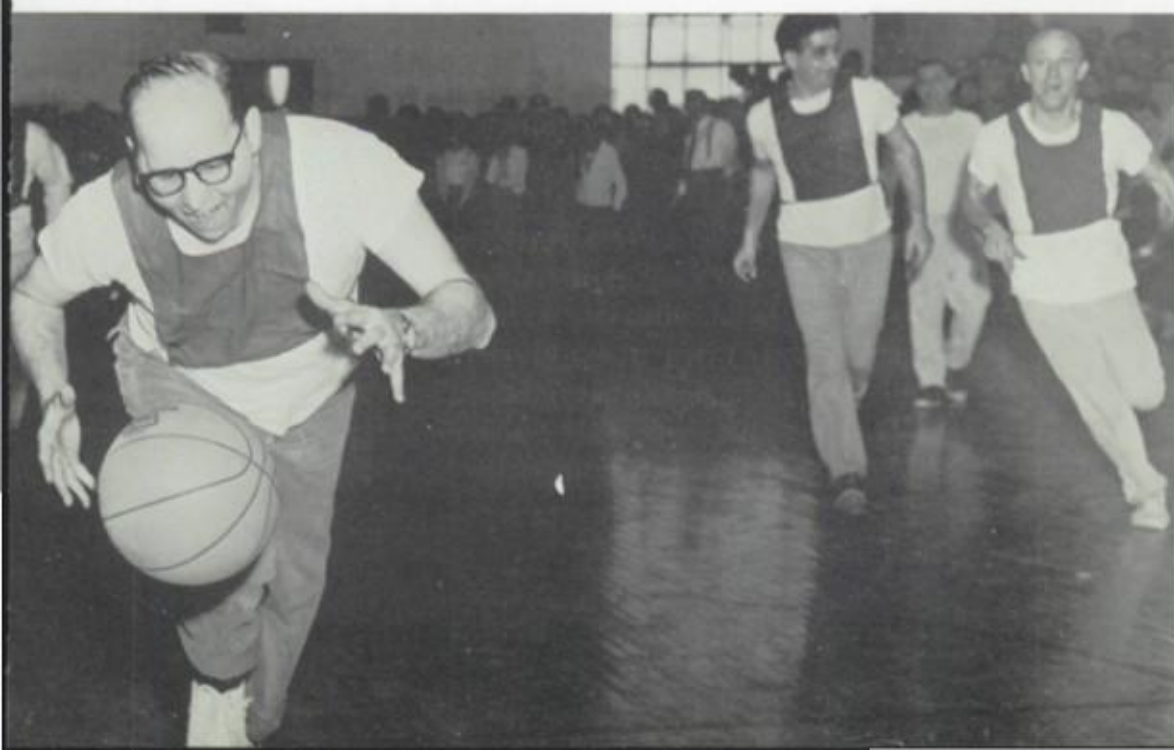
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COME TO ME, LITTLE SPHEROID—The scene was the always hilarious "old-timers" faculty basketball game. Mr. Acciai is caught using the ancient Indiana College trick of enticing the basketball by talking to it in the midst of a nose-dive! Other faculty "pros" are shown coming quickly to his "aid."

Faculty

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children, lives in Curtisville . . . 5 years teaching, 3
at WD.

JOHN PASTOREK . . . *B.S.* . . . Art . . . Art Dept.
Head . . . Married, 3 children, lives in Natrona Heights
. . . 2 years teaching, all at WD.



MYSTERY UNFOLDS—Just what goes on in the faculty room "inner sanc-tum" each day? That's the question students have wanted answered for a long time. Now, an on the spot photo by the Coalagra cameraman shows the facts—they just read newspapers in the faculty room!



FACULTY WIZARD—Mr. Vitkay, center, West Deer science teacher, demonstrates his much talked about "Kwik-Hot" new invention to Mr. Lavrich and Cathy Bocek. The unit, designed for outdoor living enthusiasts, can be used to carry, heat, purify, and decontaminate water, as well as cook food.

MRS. GERALDINE PIAZZA . . . B.S., M.Ed. . . . Librarian . . . Married, 2 children, lives in Curtisville . . . 18 years teaching, 2 at WD.

JOHN PIAZZA . . . B.A. . . . History . . . Junior Class Sponsor . . . Married, 2 children, lives in Curtisville . . . 14 years teaching, all at WD.

WILLIAM POWERS . . . B.Ed., M.Ed. . . . Civics . . . Social Studies Dept. Head . . . Married, 5 children, lives in Dormont . . . 17 years teaching, all at WD.

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JOSEPH SALVATORE . . . B.S., M.Ed. . . . Junior High Music, Senior Chorus . . . Married, lives in Natrona . . . 9 years teaching, 7 at WD.

WALTER SCHULTZ . . . B.S., M.Ed. . . . Health, Phys Ed . . . Assistant Football and Basketball Coach . . . 8th Grade Sponsor . . . Married, 2 children, lives in Russellton . . . 9 years teaching, all at WD.

MRS. ANGELINE SCHUSTER . . . B.S., M.Ed. . . . Typewriting . . . Business Dept. Head . . . Married, lives in Sharpsburg . . . 16 years teaching, all at WD.

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RICHARD SEKANICK . . . B.A. . . . English . . . Married, 2 children, lives in New Kensington . . . 3 years teaching, all at WD.

GEORGE SIPES . . . B.S., M.Ed. . . . Unified Studies, World Culture . . . Married, lives in Aspinwall . . . 18 years teaching, all at WD.

MISS RITA TALIANI . . . B.S. . . . Business English, Office Practice, Shorthand . . . Future Business Leaders, Cheerleaders, Pep Club . . . lives in Magill Heights . . . 2 years teaching, both at WD.



Faculty



JOSEPH UNITES . . . *B.S.* . . . Drivers Education . . . Married, 3 children, lives in New Kensington . . . 15 years teaching, all at WD.

MICKEY VITKAY . . . *B.S., M.Ed.* . . . Science . . . Head Baseball Coach . . . Married, 3 children, lives in Bairdford . . . 8 years teaching, 6 at WD.

MRS. JOAN VOSKAMP . . . *B.A.* . . . English . . . Married, lives in Brackenridge . . . 3 years teaching, all at WD.

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DAVID WHARTENBY . . . *B.S.* . . . Unified Studies, History . . . 7th Grade Sponsor . . . Married, 3 children, lives at Russmont Farms . . . 9 years teaching, all at WD.

MRS. KATHERINE WILLIAMS . . . *B.A., B.Mus.* . . . English, Speech . . . Teen Age Book Club . . . Married, 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Glenshaw . . . 12 years teaching, 7 at WD.

MRS. ANNABELLE YELOUSHAN . . . *R.N., School Nursing Cert.* . . . Married, 1 child, lives in Indiana Twp. . . . Has been WD school district nurse for 11 years.

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LEO ZILLA . . . *B.A., M.Ed.* . . . Phys Ed . . . Activities Fund . . . Married, 3 children, lives in East Union area . . . 16 years teaching, 15 at WD.

MISS ANNETTE ZYLINSKI . . . *B.S.* . . . Home Economics . . . Future Homemaking Club . . . lives in Natrona Heights . . . 3 years teaching, all at WD.

BEST WISHES—Mrs. Piazza, center, was caught a bit unsuspecting when a group of students surprised her with a cake, complete with poetry, on her birthday. Helping her celebrate are Flo Maliszewski, Terry Hudon, Den Brudney, Velma Ball, and Mary Broda.





ELMER REED
Maintenance Supervisor



MRS. EDNA CORBETT
Cafeteria Supervisor



ALFRED EKAS
Transportation Supervisor

Able, Hardworking Staff Keeps West Deer Humming

West Deer High School maintenance, bus, and cafeteria personnel were commended for another fine year, although they were also hindered by a bursting school population, limited staffs, and aging equipment.

One of the biggest losses of the year was the resignation this spring of MR. EKAS, the transportation supervisor. Mr. Ekas had won the praise of all for his devoted and loyal service over the many years. His position was awarded to FRANK BARLOW, another of the township's top vehicle experts.

A much welcomed addition to the maintenance

staff was MRS. HERMAN who did an especially good job in improving the daily appearance of the building.

Once more MRS. CORBETT and her busy staff successfully handled all chores of preparing and feeding an average of over 500 "ravenous" students each day.

An efficient school organization requires the hard work and loyalty of all concerned. West Deer was fortunate in having these top caliber people on its staff.



CHIEF CHEFS—These cordial people are well known to all West Deer students for they have the big job of preparing and handling the daily cafeteria meals. From left, Mrs. Grunden, Mrs. Simonetti, Mrs. Fedison, Mrs. Tomiczek, Mrs. Czwalga, Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Cherubini.

Class Has Abundant Share of Leaders and Achievers

The true mark of a distinguished class is its leaders and hardworking members. Truly, the Class of 1963 was fortunate in having more than the usual amount of conscientious student leaders and scholars.

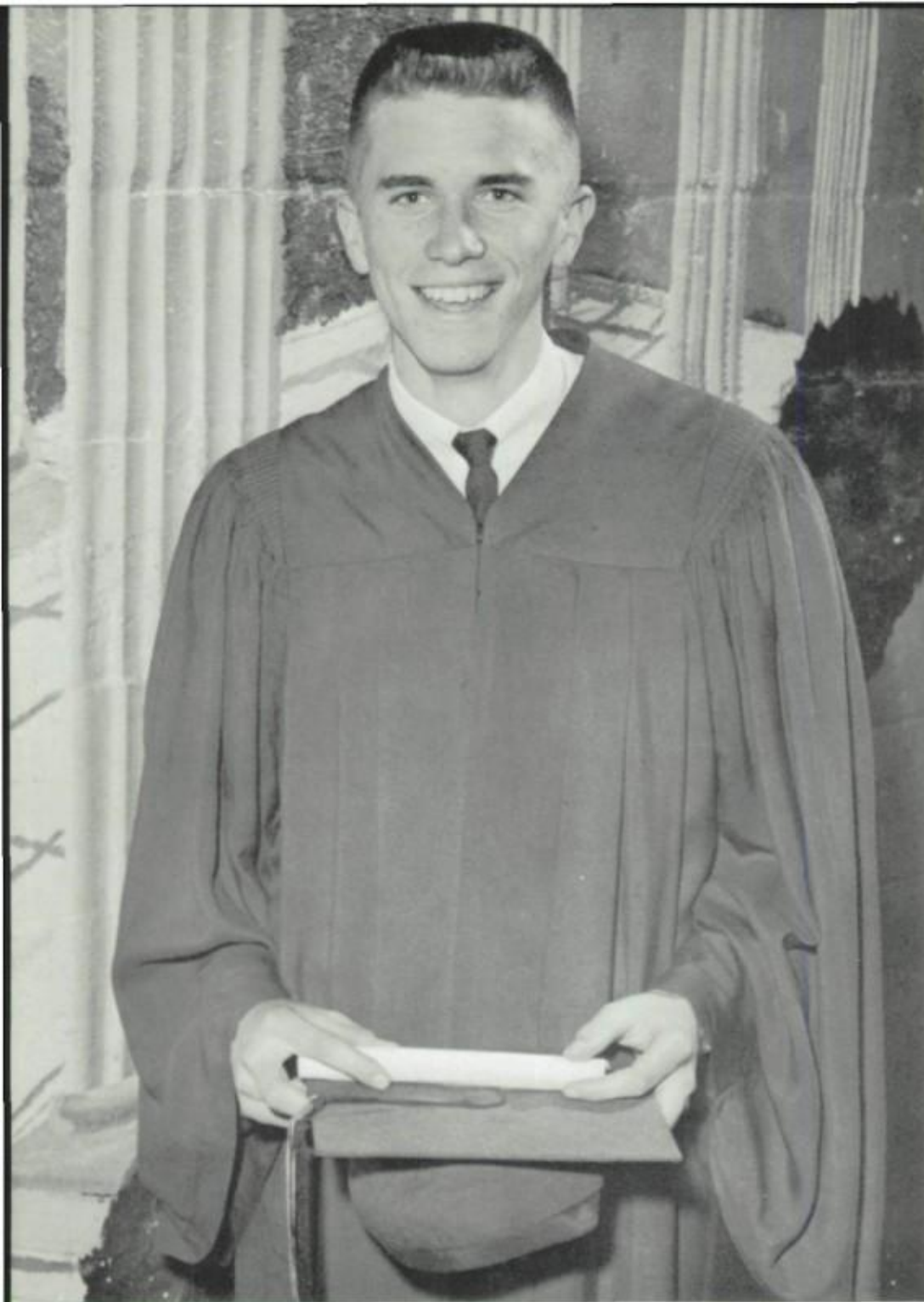
BILL MANIFOLD undoubtedly could be rated the Number 1 product of the class. Instead of completing his senior year on the high school level, Bill went from junior class standing immediately into a freshman accelerated program at the University of Mississippi. His superior accomplishments there earned him further honors, including membership in the freshman honor fraternity, as well as a "nice going" pat on the back from his old classmates at West Deer High.

The coveted position of valedictorian of the class this year went to a first class student, PAUL GRANDY. Runners-up close behind were MARGIE KLOBUCHAR, LINDA JOHANSSON, LOUISE REIBER, and JOYCE ARBOGAST. Everyone was mighty proud of those five.

Much of the success of this banner year can be attributed naturally to the ambitious and tireless working group of senior officers: DON BOBISH, president; BOB PASZEK, vice-president; LEE McDONALD, secretary, and DONNA ORDAKOWSKI, treasurer.

And one final "hats off," and without doubt the most important recognition of all, goes to MISS KRAFT, the genial class sponsor who had the enviable task of "leading the leaders."

They all made up a dynamic group of young leaders at West Deer High, but you can be sure there's more to be heard from these young men and women who are on their way up.



HE'S THE GREATEST—Bill Manifold earned superior recognition for himself and West Deer High when he was promoted directly from his junior year to college freshman standing at the University of Mississippi. He concluded his first year there with outstanding honors.

CLASS BRASS—Conferring about one of the numerous class projects are the four students and faculty sponsor who led the Class of '63 in its successful senior year. From left are Don Bobish, president; Miss Kraft, sponsor; Bob Paszek, vice-president; Donna Ordakowski, treasurer, and Lee McDonald, secretary.





CLASS SCHOLARS—Leading the class with the most superior scholastic achievements were these top five students. Bottom is Paul Grandy, class valedictorian. To his left is Margie Klobuchar, runner-up. Others of the top five are Linda Johansson, left, Joyce Arbogast, center, and Louise Reiber. All had almost straight "A" averages.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY—These 23 students met the rigid requirements of scholarship, leadership, service, and character necessary for membership in NHS. Front row, Louise Reiber, Marianne Boch, Louise Gezzi, Margie Klobuchar, Marion Kenyon. Middle row, Don Bobish,

Donna Ordakowski, Joyce Monnier, Kathy Makuta, Bobbie Grass, Lee McDonald, Linda Johansson, Joyce Arbogast. Back row, Rich Gilson, Paul Grandy, Leroy Beckes, Norman Lovic, Gary Simonetti, Bob Catherwood, John Sickerski, and Ken Sukanovich.



Who's Who in the Class of '63

JOYCE ARBOGAST . . . Top student honors, Nat'l Honor Society, Business Dept. Award

LEROY BECKES . . . Honor student, Nat'l Honor Society, Senior court, Allegheny County Law Day essay first prize winner

DON BOBISH . . . Class president, Exceptionally Able Youth Award, Honor student, Nat'l Honor Society, State Senatorial Scholarship

MARIANNE BOCH . . . Coal-
agra editor-in-chief, Antler man-
aging editor, Class play lead,
Honor student, Nat'l Honor So-
ciety

SHERAL BRICK . . . Class play
lead

CAROL BUDZ . . . 6 years per-
fect attendance

BARB BURNS . . . Head cheer-
leader, Queen of Sports

BOB CATHERWOOD . . .
Honor student, Nat'l Honor So-
ciety

PEG CHELPANOFF . . . Co-
head majorette, Honor student,
Facit Typing Award

JIM CUNNINGHAM . . . 3
years perfect attendance, YFC
vice-president

BETTY CURRIN . . . Honor
student, 3 years perfect attend-
ance

RICHARD DICKSON . . . Class
play lead

LOUISE GEZZI . . . Co-head
majorette, Honor student, Nat'l
Honor Society, Senior court

RICH GILSON . . . YFC president, Honor student,
Nat'l Honor Society, YFC championship quiz team,
Band vice-president, Math Award winner, Scholar-
ship winner

CONNIE GODLEWSKI . . . Pep Club president

PAUL GRANDY . . . Valedictorian, Nat'l Honor So-
ciety, Exceptionally Able Youth Award, Nat'l Merit
Scholarship finalist, Oratorical Contest winner, PPG
Scholarship finalist, Math Award winner, J. R. Mont-
gomery Top Student Award, Jones and Laughlin
Steel Scholarship

BOBBIE GRASS . . . Antler editor-in-chief, Head
majorette, Jay-Cee Queen, Honor student, Nat'l
Honor Society vice-president, Band secretary, Typist
of the Year Award, Senior court

JACK GRUNDEN . . . AIC, Valley Daily News, and
Post-Gazette Basketball All-Star teams

LINDA JOHANSSON . . . Top student honors, Nat'l
Honor Society, Math Award winner, PPG Scholar-
ship finalist, Scholarship winner

MARION KENYON . . . Honor student, Nat'l Honor
Society secretary, Band soloist, Class song composer,
YFC championship quiz team, Scholarship winner

DORENE KERR . . . Co-head majorette

MARGIE KLOBUCHAR . . . Top student honors,
Nat'l Honor Society, Business Student of the Year,
3 years perfect attendance

GLORIA LASSINGER . . . FHA secretary

NORM LOVIC . . . Honor student, Nat'l Honor So-
ciety

JEAN LYTLE . . . FHA president, Homemaker of the
Year Award, Honor student, Nat'l Honor Society,
FTA historian

KATHY MAKUTA . . . Honor student, Nat'l Honor
Society

FLO MALISZEWSKI . . . NOMA Spelling Award

BILL MANIFOLD . . . Top honor student, Nat'l
Honor Society honorary junior member, Attended
University of Mississippi accelerated program during
senior year

JOSH McCALLISTER . . . FTA president, Movie
Guide editor, 3 years perfect attendance

HERE'S MY EXCUSE—Carol Budz hands an excuse to Mrs. Kondrak, attendance secretary, just to see what the chore is like. Actually, Carol compiled an amazing record of never missing a day in over six years of school. Seated, from left, are students who never missed in three years: Jim Cunningham, Betty Currin, Josh McCallister, and Margie Klobuchar. Those with perfect attendance for the senior year, standing, are Ray Baron, John Boris, John Siekierski, Rich Gilson, Susie West, Jill Hartz, and Bonnie Lager. Missing from picture are Bob Catherwood and Ken Sukanovich.



ON HIS WAY UP—
Friendly Kenny Sukano-
vich was one of the dy-
namic members of the
Class of '63. A look at the
recognition won by him
proves he's a future
leader in the making.



Seniors



SHE'S OUR GAL—Everyone agrees there just couldn't have been a better choice for Miss Homemaker-of-the-Year than charming Jeannie Lytle.

LEE McDONALD . . . Senior Class Queen, Class secretary, Honor student, Nat'l Honor Society treasurer, Head cheerleader

DAVE McMASTER . . . Class play lead

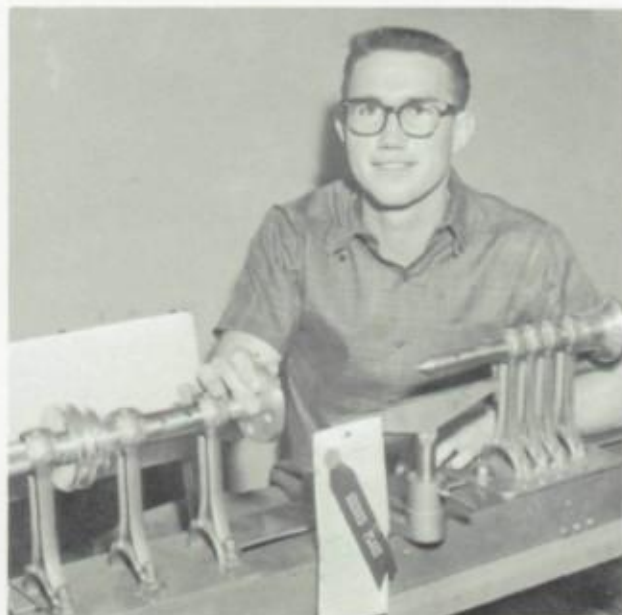
JOYCE MONNIER . . . Honor student, Nat'l Honor Society historian, Senior court

DONNA ORDAKOWSKI . . . Class treasurer, "Miss FTA," Honor student, Nat'l Honor Society, FTA treasurer, Movie Guide editor, Scholarship winner

BOB PASZEK . . . Class vice-president, Jay-Cee All-Star basketball player, Senior court, Scholarship winner

KATHY PREISSER . . . Homecoming Queen

BEV REARICK . . . Coalagra business manager



LOUISE REIBER . . . Top student honors, Nat'l Honor Society, FNA president, Exceptionally Able Youth Award, PPG Scholarship finalist, Senior court, Scholarship winner

JOHN SIEKIERSKI . . . Honor student, Nat'l Honor Society

GARY SIMONETTI . . . Drum major, Honor student, Nat'l Honor Society president, Band president, Arion Outstanding Musician Award, Senior court

BILL SMAY . . . Industrial Arts Fair Award

JOE SLENKOVICH . . . Scholarship winner

KEN SUKANOVICH . . . Honor student, Nat'l Honor Society, 3 years perfect attendance, Law Essay Award winner, school publicity writer, Hess Memorial Student Journalism Award, Senior court, New Mexico Institute Scholarship, Valley Daily News Carrier Boy of the Year Scholarship.

RON TREVELLINI . . . Scholarship winner

BOB UCHIC . . . Most Valuable Player football, Jay-Cee Senior Back of the Year, Valley Daily News All-Star Quarterback, Scholarship winner

TOM WELLS . . . Industrial Arts Fair Award

LYNNE WHITE . . . Co-head majorette, Antler business manager



MAID OF MUSIC—West Deer High's most effective public relations item without doubt was the beautiful singing voice of Marion Kenyon, another of the fine products of our Music Dept.

ANOTHER CHAMP—Also bringing prestige to the class and to the school was Tom Wells. His masterful construction of a metal lathe earned him a top prize in the Industrial Arts Fair.

Seniors

STEPHEN J. ADAMS

"Steve" . . . Russellton . . . Feb. 10

JOYCE B. ARBOGAST

"Joyce" . . . Reaghard Drive . . . Mar. 10

HAROLD G. ATKINSON JR.

"Harold" . . . Allegheny Acres . . . Nov. 4

CHARLES N. Aymar JR.

"Charlie" . . . Allegheny Acres . . . Aug. 18

KAREN A. BALOG

"Karen" . . . Allegheny Acres . . . Aug. 29

S. RAYMOND BARON

"Ray" . . . Superior . . . July 14

W. LEROY BECKES

"Lee" . . . Tarentum-Culmerville Road Area . . . Dec. 14

ELIZABETH A. BLACKSMITH

"Beth" . . . Kauffman Road Area . . . Nov. 28

DONALD C. BOBISH

"Don" . . . Pleasant Unity Area . . . Oct. 25



Marion Kenyon Records '63 Memories in Song

The honor of having written the '63 Class Song went to the "songstress of the senior class," Marion Kenyon.

A special chorus introduced it at the Senior Dinner-Dance, and the entire class sang it at Awards Day and commencement.

'63 CLASS SONG (To the tune of "For All We Know.")

VERSE I:

*The time has come when we have to say good-bye
To friends we've made in the halls of West Deer High
We saw football games; attended those dances,
Our years at West Deer with excitement enhances,
The Prom we loved that was such a big success,
The auction's fun and the greatest S&S,
The trophy so rare gave basketball great acclaim,
Our Senior Play's lasting fame at West Deer High.*

VERSE II:

*The Dinner Dance that was fun for everyone,
Those final tests always kept us on the run,
Those days that we shared will not leave us ever,
We'll part but our thoughts and our hearts will remember
It's been so grand that it's almost like a dream,
Our lives may be like a ripple on a stream,
So thank you so much for memories ever dear,
We know it is time to leave our West Deer High.*

CLASS COLORS
Emerald Green and White

CLASS MOTTO
"Not for ourselves, but for all."

CLASS FLOWER
White Carnation

Seniors



MARIANNE BOCH

"Mare" . . . Saxonburg Blvd. . . Oct. 2

JOANN BORIS

"JoAnn" . . . Russellton . . . Jan. 28

JOHN A. BORIS

"Boris" . . . Russellton . . . Jan. 28



SHERALANNE M. BRICK

"Sheral" . . . Russellton . . . Nov. 29

DOLORES M. BRINKER

"Dee" . . . Betty Lane Area . . . Mar. 25

LINDA E. BROGE

"Linda" . . . Deer Creek . . . Jan. 15



WILLIAM D. BRUBAKER

"Wil" . . . Magill Heights . . . Sept. 26

SUZANNE M. BUCHANICH

"Susie" . . . Russellton . . . Sept. 17

CAROLYN BUDZ

"Carol" . . . Curtisville . . . May 14

BARBARA A. BURNS

"Burnsy" . . . Pleasant Unity Area . . . Oct. 22

ROBERT L. CATHERWOOD

"Woody" . . . Deer Creek . . . June 25

MARGARET A. CHELPANOFF

"Peggy" . . . Russellton . . . Oct. 31

JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM

"Jim" . . . Pleasant Unity Area . . . June 8

JANET R. CUNNINGHAM

"Janet" . . . Deer Creek . . . Aug. 26

ELIZABETH J. CURRIN

"Betty Jean" . . . Allegheny Acres . . . Dec. 6



Seniors



SHERRY L. DEMBAUGH

"Sherry" . . . Russellton . . . July 10

RICHARD E. DICKSON

"Dix" . . . Reaghard Drive . . . Feb. 26

JOHN L. DLUGOPOLSKI

"Polski" . . . McKrell Road . . . Feb. 17

GEORGE A. DROMBOSKY

"Butch" . . . Saxonburg Blvd. . . . Oct. 7

D. RONALD DUNCAN

"Ron" . . . Tarentum-Culmerville Road Area . . . Feb. 29

RONALD J. ELLENA

"Ron" . . . Russellton . . . Oct. 2

NANCY J. ERSKINE

"Nan" . . . Blanchard Area . . . Mar. 8

LANCE J. EVANS

"Lance" . . . Middle Road Area . . . Mar. 17

SANDRA L. EVANS

"Sandy" . . . East Union District . . . Apr. 26

MARJORIE B. FLECK

"Mag" . . . Schuster Road Area . . . Apr. 9

M. MAXINE FLYNN

"Max" . . . Russellton . . . Oct. 17

LOUISE A. GEZZI

"Jets" . . . Russellton . . . Mar. 3

HELEN I. GILLNER

"Helen" . . . Deer Creek . . . Sept. 1

RICHARD J. GILSON

"Dick" . . . Deer Creek . . . Dec. 30

CONSTANCE R. GODLEWSKI

"Connie" . . . Route 910 Area . . . Dec. 22



SENIORS LIVE IT UP—The Coalagra cameraman catches the seniors enjoying a mighty peppy "bunny hop" at the Senior Dinner Dance. Not sure what to do was Gary Simonetti, but he survived by following Emma Smith's lead.



Class Functions Promoted Enduring Friendships



DAVID R. GODLEWSKI

"Dave" . . . Saxonburg Blvd. . . Mar. 1

PAUL J. GRANDY

"Paul" . . . East Union Area . . . Sept. 17

ROBERTA M. GRASS

"Bobbie" . . . Curtisville . . . Nov. 6

BEVERLY J. GROSICK

"Bev" . . . Russellton . . . Jan. 6

JOHN W. GRUNDEN

"Jack" . . . Bairdford . . . May 14

JILL L. HARTZ

"Jill" . . . East Union Area . . . Nov. 3

JAMES H. HOLLAND

"Hugh" . . . Bakerstown . . . Feb. 8

EDWARD A. HOLLO

"Huck" . . . Tarentum-Culmerville Road Area . . . Sept. 6

LINDA J. JOHANSSON

"Linda" . . . Allegheny Acres . . . Nov. 3

Seniors



THE SPEAKERS—Relaxing after the American Legion Oratorical Contest held here are the five senior contestants and the judges. Seated, from left, are Mr. John Lewis, former WD Authority Board member, Leroy Beckes, Paul Grandy, Linda Johansson, Dick Gilson, Bob

Catherwood, and Mr. Leo Boch, commander of the West Deer American Legion Post. Standing are Mr. Pettigrew, of Peoples Gas Co., and John Piazza, faculty member and officer of the local Legion Post. Paul Grandy's oration was judged the most outstanding.

DANIEL M. JONES

"Spike" . . . Bairdford . . . Feb. 5

THOMAS M. KELLY

"Ace" . . . Allegheny Acres . . . Feb. 20

MARION L. KENYON

"Marion" . . . Deer Creek . . . Feb. 21

DORENE L. KERR

"Dor" . . . Allegheny Acres . . . July 3

RICHARD J. KIRSCH

"Rich" . . . Deer Creek . . . March 2

GLORIA J. KLIMEZEK

"Klem" . . . Middle Road Area . . . May 16

MARGARET J. KLOBUCHAR

"Margie" . . . Deer Creek . . . Dec. 7

THOMAS J. KOSDEMBA

"Kosy" . . . Bairdford . . . May 12

ROSE MARY KOTTS

"Posie" . . . Russellton . . . Nov. 11



BRIAN K. KRISTOFF

"Drew" . . . Curtisville . . . June 30

FRANCINE K. KULYN

"Frannie" . . . East Union Area . . . Sept. 21

BONNIE R. LAGER

"Bonnie" . . . Middle Road Area . . . Aug. 24

GLORIA J. LASSINGER

"Lassie" . . . Culmerville . . . Mar. 16

THEODORE A. LEGGENS

"Legs" . . . Curtisville . . . Mar. 18

EILEEN N. LEKSE

"Eileen" . . . Russellton . . . Nov. 9



GARY P. LOCKERMAN

"George" . . . Magill Heights . . . Feb. 2

NORMAN A. LOVIC

"Mundo" . . . Russellton . . . Aug. 24

JEAN A. LYTLE

"Jeanie" . . . Magill Heights . . . May 24



KATHLEEN A. MAKUTA

"Kathy" . . . Curtisville . . . Feb. 20

MARY L. MAKUTA

"Mary" . . . Curtisville . . . Feb. 2

FLORENCE W. MALISZEWSKI

"Flo" . . . Tarentum-Culmerville Road Area . . . Nov. 15



CHARLES B. MARSIGLIO

"Chuck" . . . Curtisville . . . May 30

JOHANNA G. McCALLISTER

"Josh" . . . Saxonburg Blvd. . . Feb. 18

LEE A. McDONALD

"Mic" . . . Allegheny Acres . . . Dec. 12

Seniors

DAVID W. McMASTER

"Mix" . . . Deer Creek . . . Dec. 1

JOHN J. MERLI

"John" . . . Curtisville . . . May 22

JAMES D. MILLER

"Jim" . . . Magill Heights . . . Feb. 20

JOYCE E. MONNIER

"Joyce" . . . Pleasant Unity Area . . . July 22

EDWARD A. MORO

"Edge" . . . Russellton . . . Nov. 29

STEPHEN W. NAGY

"Steve" . . . Starr Road . . . Oct. 24

LEONARD J. NAVARRO

"Chico" . . . East Union Area . . . May 24

CHARLES J. NOLKER

"Chud" . . . Curtisville . . . Aug. 20

S. GENE NOVAK

"Genie" . . . Cedar Ridge Road Area . . . Sept. 17



The Classroom Had Its Share of Good Times, Too

PARTY TIME—Looking mighty happy are members of the "famed" advanced math class at their annual end-of-year party. Mrs. Cunningham, class instructor, presented girls with corsages and each member of the group with a small favor. Seniors are, front, Ted Leggins, Jim Cunningham, Don Bobish, Donna Ordakowski. Second

row, John Sickierski, Ken Sukanovich, Bob Catherwood, Norm Lovic, Gary Simonetti. Standing, Dick Gilson, Ron Trevellini, Paul Grandy, Joe Slenkovich, Bob Paszek, Mrs. Cunningham, Brian Kristoff, Linda Johansson, and Lee McDonald. It was a class all seniors will long remember.



Seniors



BEATRICE A. OLAR

"Bea" . . . Curtisville . . . May 24

MICHAEL S. O'MALLEY

"Mick" . . . Allegheny Acres . . . July 11

DONNA J. ORDAKOWSKI

"Donna O." . . . Magill Heights . . . Nov. 19



ROBERT M. PAHOLICH

"Bob" . . . Tarentum-Culmerville Road Area . . . May 7

NANCY J. PAPRISKA

"Nance" . . . Curtisville . . . March 1

ROBERT L. PASZEK

"Bob" . . . Bairdford . . . May 22



WALTER C. PASZEK

"Walt" . . . Bairdford . . . June 17

BARBARA J. PAWLOSKI

"Barb" . . . Tarentum-Culmerville Road Area . . . Oct. 13

VICTORIA A. PAWLOSKI

"Vicky" . . . Tarentum-Culmerville Road Area . . . Aug. 14

PATRICK K. PERNICK

"Pat" . . . Russellton . . . July 13

KATHLEEN A. PREISSER

"Kathy" . . . Russellton . . . June 17

ANNA MAE PROCO

"Anna Mae" . . . Curtisville . . . June 1

BARRY L. PROTHEROE

"Snitz" . . . Russellton . . . Dec. 29

BEVERLY L. REARICK

"Bev" . . . East Union Area . . . Feb. 27

JOHN P. REBREY

"Rebel" . . . Curtisville . . . July 10



Seniors

LOUISE E. REIBER

"Weeze" . . . Culmerville . . . Sept. 6

ROSEANN M. ROMACK

"Cookie" . . . Curtisville . . . June 14

ROBERT M. ROWE

"Bob" . . . Bull Creek Road . . . Sept. 4

EDWARD G. SCOPEL

"Ed" . . . Curtisville . . . Aug. 26

CAROL A. SEMPREVIVO

"Carol" . . . Curtisville . . . June 15

JOHN D. SIEKIERSKI

"Skuss" . . . Russellton . . . Dec. 28

GARY R. SIMONETTI

"Simo" . . . Russellton . . . Sept. 12

MIRIAM A. SIRIANO

"Mimi" . . . Russellton . . . Apr. 26

JOSEPH A. SLENKOVICH

"Joey" . . . Curtisville . . . July 14

WILLIAM J. SMAY

"Bill" . . . Russellton . . . July 13

EMMA MAE SMITH

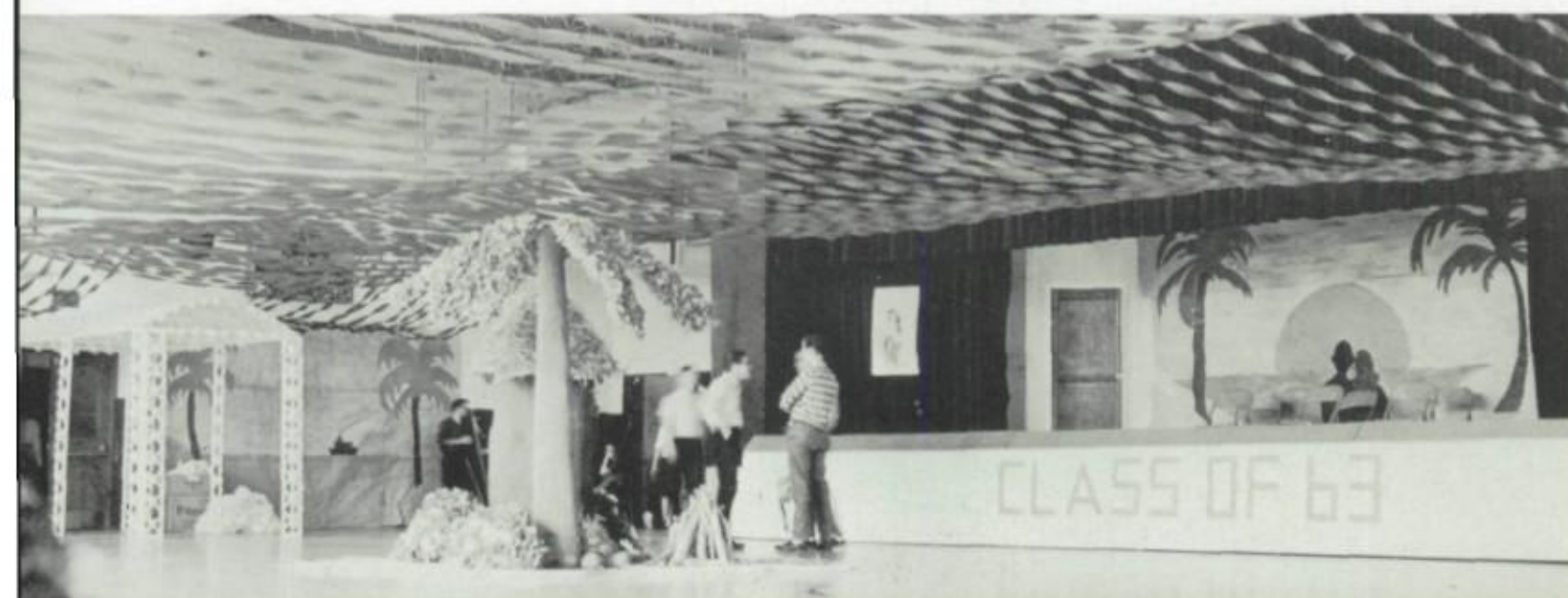
"Emma" . . . Fawn Haven . . . June 12

PATSY P. SMITH

"Patsy" . . . Fawn Haven . . . Feb. 26



DECORATED GYM—Several seniors give decorations a final touch prior to the dinner-dance.



Seniors

LYNDA L. SOLOMON

"Lynne" . . . Route 910 Area . . . Dec. 21

CRAIG J. STEPHAN

"Craig" . . . East Union Area . . . Feb. 27

KENNETH C. SUKANOVICH

"Ken" . . . Bairdford . . . Feb. 12

JUDY C. SWANHART

"Judy" . . . Bairdford . . . Dec. 8

ANDREA L. TIPE

"Andi" . . . Culmerville . . . Jan. 27

RONALD L. TREVELLINI

"Juggo" . . . Russellton . . . Oct. 2

ROBERT M. UCHIC

"Bib" . . . Russellton . . . Sept. 2

SHARON L. UTESCHER

"Sharon" . . . Reaghard Drive . . . Jan. 2

DIANN E. WAITE

"Diann" . . . Route 910 Area . . . April 19

THOMAS L. WELLS

"Tom" . . . Curtisville . . . Sept. 25

SUSAN P. WEST

"Susie" . . . Bairdford Road . . . Dec. 21

LYNNE D. WHITE

"Lynne" . . . Route 910 Area . . . Apr. 28

MARK A. ZEBRACKI

"Mark" . . . East Union Area . . . Oct. 16

JOSEPH E. ZENEWICZ

"Joe" . . . Blanchard . . . June 11

FRANCIS J. ZONARICH

"Fran" . . . Saxonburg Blvd. . . . Aug. 4





CLASS PACE SETTERS—Probably the greatest honor any student could achieve at West Deer High would be selection to the National Honor Society in his junior year. These were the outstanding students who received the

recognition in the Class of 1964: From left, Nancy Hoffman, Ann Catherwood, Virginia Kenyon, Marlene Verbetic, Carol Schneider, Jane Schroder, and Leo Zilla.

Exciting Junior Year Experienced by Class of '64

There's probably no more exciting year in a student's life than his junior year. That statement was especially true for the Class of 1964.

Of course, the climax came when all celebrated at the Junior Prom held at scenic Churchill Valley Country Club, Penn Hills.

Behind the scenes of this successful prom were class projects which included the auction, car washes, bake sales, and dances. Leading the gang through these fund raising events was MR. PIAZZA, with MR. MATISKO and MR. DELUCA assisting.

The "useful items" collected for the auction were stored in the barns of PAULA GORDON, JACK SHIELDS, and PATTI TURNER. These three places soon became the "home away from home" for many juniors.

This energetic group even held a fund raising event on the last day of school! It was a "Farewell to Seniors" dance, the first ever held.

Although a great deal of time and energy was spent in class group projects, occasionally a junior was seen cracking the books!

For the first time, physics was advanced to the 11th grade for able students, rather than the previous 12th grade.

Nine juniors won special commendations in the typing classes for reaching the 50-word or better mark. They were LORRAINE HALOVONIC, LINDA STUDEBAKER, BONNIE SETZENFAND, KATHY

WIENSKOVICH, DIANE ROKOSKI, DONNA LATRONICA, SHERRY VIORAL, and ELAINE PER-NICK.

The students will never forget their English this year which seemed to feature **Hamlet** . . . **Hamlet** . . . and more **Hamlet**! Those who don't remember **Hamlet** will remember poetry . . . poetry . . . and more poetry!

Some 16 adventuresome juniors struggled through the re-introduced Spanish class. To fulfill MRS. D's requirements for oral work, many skits were presented. The most outstanding of these was a modern version of "Cinderella," adapted, produced, cut up, and presented by EL NYPAVER, JUDY TOMASZEWSKI, JOYCE BOCH, JANE SCHRODER, NANCY DYER, NEIL NOLKER, and MARLENE VERBETIC.

Bringing additional honors and credit to the class were: RICK TOMASZEWSKI, chosen to study advanced chemistry at Forbes Institute; KEN DROMBOSKI, awarded a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh for his work on the yearbook; and NANCY HOFFMAN and GINGER KENYON, who participated in the National Youth for Christ convention at Ocean City, Md.

Through thick and thin, the Junior Class members collected memories of events and friendships that will carry over even beyond the momentous senior year coming up.



VIVACIOUS—Peppery Dee Rokoski will be leading cheers next year as she was chosen head cheerleader by fellow squad members.

EVERYONE'S CHOICE—Personable Linda Studebaker was the pick of the Junior Class to the beautiful court which reigned during Homecoming festivities.



TAKING IT EASY—And why shouldn't they, for these 12 healthy juniors can boast of not missing a single day during the 182-day term. They are, front, Judy Puskas, El Nypaver, Ann Moskala, Millie Kratz, Mary Allison. Back, Larry

Guerrieri, Henry Boch, Bill Biehl, Walt Perozek, John Pidhirny, Joe Paskorz, Lee Kirkpatrick, Harry Long. They were the only juniors to come through with perfect records.



THE BOSS—Taking over as Antler editor-in-chief will be Paula Gordon, this year's society editor and veteran member of student publications at West Deer High School.

AIMING HIGH—Bringing in more than their share of honors for West Deer High this year were Ginger Kenyon, standing, and Napcy Hoffman. They were key members of WD's championship Bible quiz team and were also named to the Pittsburgh area team squad which participated in the national finals.



Juniors



Tom Castello
PRESIDENT



Rich Cale
VICE-PRESIDENT



Linda Studebaker
SECRETARY



El Nypaver
TREASURER

Class of 1964 - The Juniors



Steve Adams



Mary Allison



Ron Armstrong



Cheryl Bartchy



Carol Baumgartel



Ron Bennett



Bill Biehl



Pat Bobish



Henry Boch



Joyce Boch



Cheryl Bohn



Dave Bollenbacher



Letti Bongiovanni



Judy Bonovitz



Mike Bridgewater



Mike Broda



Elaine Brooks



Tim Burke



Tom Buttyan



Joe Bzorek



Ann Catherwood



Rich Chambers



Jan Collier



Sylvia Collier



Ron Cotton



Betty Craft



Rich Decker



Celia Dernus



Ken Drombosky



Don Durochia



Nancy Dyer



Mike Elter



Gene Eversole



Jim Eversole



Wilma Eversole



Dave Falconer



Barry Fleck



Janet Fuhrer



Bob Garda



Nancy Garripoli



Nick Gbur



Bill Geib



Gail George



Paula Gordon



Carol Gornick



Marsha Griffiths



Russ Grimes



Joe Grill



Larry Guerrieri



Lorraine Halovanic



Bob Hazlett



Nancy Hoffman



Al Hohmann



Mike Horchar



Carol Hudak



Patty Hudak



Bob Huemme



Ken Hunter



Charlotte Jackson



Gary Johns



Ted Kamzalow

HOPE WE DO AS WELL—Junior Class President Tom Castello accepts the traditional school key from Don Bobish, senior president, during the impressive ceremonies held on Move-up and Awards Day.



Juniors



Ginger Kenyon



Ann Kinniburgh



Lee Kirkpatrick



Ernie Koeberlein



Mildred Kratz



George Kubisa



Patty Lager



Steve Langfitt



Ron Lassinger



Dee Latronica



Harry Long



Georgia Machen



Carol Malone



Marita Matcho



Earl Matko



Kathy McBride



Ella McHarg



Georgia McKinniss



Allan McKinney



Kathy Mellon



Linda Miller



Rita Miller



Ron Miller



Shirley Mitar



Sheila Morrison



Ann Moskala



Mary Ann Musick



Linda Nary



Stella Nicolazzo



Neil Nolker



Mary Lou Norris



Ron Ostrowski



Joe Paskorz



Sue Peckney



Barb Pencak



Elaine Pernick



John Pidhirny



Walt Perozek



Carol Pivni



Fran Porter



Virginia Proco



Judy Puskas

Juniors



Dee Queen



Jerry Rebrey



Harry Riley



Diane Rokoski



Carol Schneider



Jane Schroder



Barb Semler



Bonnie Setzenfand



Jack Shields



Polly Simonetti



Joyce Skurka



Nancy Smith



Bill Springer



Ron Stello



Kim Stevenson



Lois Stipetic



Frank Tabacchi



Lil Tabacchi



Ed Thornton



Judy Tomaszewski



Terry Trevellini



Sue Truckley



Pat Turner



Al Vagnozzi



Bill Venesky



Marlene Verbetic



Sherry Vioral



Bobbie Walewski

ONE MORE TO GO—These happy juniors were officially named seniors at the annual Move-up Day ceremonies.



Yvonne Wells



Kathy Wienskovich



Rich Wenzel



Rick Wilkinson



Leo Zilla



Den Zock



Sophomores

With visions of success in their minds, enthusiasm in their hearts, and a "look-out-here-we-come" glitter in their eyes, the sophomores made their first year of senior high school one to be well remembered.

The eventful year started off with the traditional S&S. Most of the sophs pitched in and contributed their hard work and high spirits to make their first big class project an overwhelming success. "Autumn Leaves," which provided for gay and colorful decorations, was the theme. The class extended a "thank you" to MR. ANDRIKO, their sponsor, for his help with this event as well as for his guidance throughout the year.

Many sophs displayed their varied talents at the party, providing plenty of enjoyable entertainment. But surely the star of the show was good ol' CHUCK SWEENEY, being sensational as he always is.

But the year wasn't all play. In the classroom, members of the Class of '65 really excelled. They somehow managed to finish their many projects, which included a term paper, an autobiography, and book reports (just to mention a few) and came out on top. (???)

The class could never forget the maps on which they arduously spent hours for MR. MARSILI'S history class. Those extremely outstanding were made

by PATTY ZILLA, KATHY GARDNER, and JUDY GEORGIC. Also "unique" in its own way was DAN MARCINKO'S map. Dan made his out of a baking powder mixture, and it started to rise like a pizza. (And incidentally, it resembled one too!)

MR. ANTONELLI'S health class will always remember the day they administered artificial respiration to their fellow classmates. Fortunately, there were no casualties!

Some other sophomores achieving individual recognition this year were JOHN PLESHA, selected as the new drum major; CHUCK SWEENEY, who appeared on TV; GLORIA BUYDOSO, chosen junior editor of the Antler; TONY PLESHA, first string player on the championship basketball team; LINDA MICKLOW, awarded a scholarship to Ohio University for her outstanding yearbook work; KAREN REIBER, elected FNA vice-president; ELAINE PITTMAN, Pep Club secretary, and TRUDI HARTZ, named to district honors band.

The Class of '65 participated in all fields with remarkable success. Their ambition and energetic quests for success marks just the beginning of what they will accomplish in the exciting years ahead.

'Look-Out-Here-We-Come' Sophs Reach Goals in '63

HOOKY PLAYERS!—Hitchhiking together (just for the Coalagra photographer, of course!) are these sophomores who decided they would take a day off after not missing once during the entire school term. They are, front, Jim Gaston, Fran Waldo, Harry Compson, Dan Marcinko, and Jim Tedesco. The back row "thumbers" are Ed Belles, Dave Jura, Dave Ivey, Linda Hails, and Mary Fleck. (Ed. Note: They didn't get far!)



DESERVING AN "A"—Among the most creative maps made by students in Mr. Marsili's history classes were those of Kathy Gardner and Keith Bell. The sophs will long remember their work on that project.



SOPHOMORE CHARMER—The prettiest girl in the class is elected yearly to the Homecoming Court. This year the sophomores gave that honor to attractive Gloria Buydoso.

BEST MUSICIAN—A sophomore, Trudi Hartz, was West Deer High's choice for district band honors.



Sophomores



Randy Girdwood
PRESIDENT



Len Brudney
VICE-PRESIDENT



Joanne Hilla
SECRETARY



Toni Grzybek
TREASURER

Class of 1965 - The Sophomores



HE'S THE GREATEST—Charlie Sweeney, the sensational sophomore recording star, gathers an enthralled group of girls with his singing at the S&S party. Particularly enjoying the solo are Lorraine Schwab, Dee Johns, Betty Dillner, Mary Fleck, and Leslie Nary.



Mag Alexander



Paul Alexandrunas



Tom Anderson



Tom Ball



Jim Ballas



Veronica Balog



Dee Beckett



Keith Bell



Ed Belles



Hal Biehl



Bob Bizyak



Bruce Boody



Rich Boyle



Barb Bridgewater



Al Brocious



Judy Bryan



Sharon Bryan



Ed Buchanich



Mike Buchanich



Jane Budz



Al Burns



Edith Butler



Gloria Buydoso



John Chambers



Noreen Cheskey

Sophomores



Harry Compson Cathi Crummy Bob Cunningham John Curry Ernie Daluisio Bob DeKleva Rose DeKleva Madeline DeMeio



Betty Dillner Donna DeMartini Kathy Dyer Jim Feil Mary Fleck Joe Fricchione Rose Fricchione Nancy Fry



Rich Fuhrer Kathy Gardner Pat Garripoli Jim Gaston Freida Gaul Judy Georgic Sandi Gill Joyce Godlewski



Gary Graham Terry Gray Tony Grebeck Cookie Grebeck Al Greenawalt Nancy Grill Linda Hails Dee Hanchett



Trudi Hartz Bill Henry Linda Hwostow Dave Ivey Paul Jackson Dee Johns Dave Jura Dave Kashlak

AT THE PROM—Toni Grzybek and Marlene Shurina, enjoying dancing with their dates, were among lucky sophs at the prom.



Walt Kaspryszyn Tom Kasunic Brian Knight Mary Kosdemba



Eileen Lassinger Ann Logsdon Marlene Lovic Larry Lucas



HI, THERE—Nancy Martinez and Frank Scopel seem to be having a lot of fun with the autumn decorations at the S&S.



Ann Lutynsky



Nancy Mahnick



Mike Makuta



Sandy Malone



Dan Marcinko



Nancy Martinez



Paul Martinez



Ray McCall



Val McCorkle



Jim McMullen



Nick Mellon



Gene Mennow



Bev Michael



Lin Micklow



Del Mondino



Judy Montgomery



Harriet Mull



Bill Murray



Leslie Nary



Karen Nölker



Les Nölker



Rich Ostrowski



Betty Paholich



Bob Paul



Mary Payne



Chris Pazak



John Pazak



Ken Petroff



Sue Phillips



Steve Pierce



Elaine Pittman



Tony Plesha



John Plesha



Ted Plucinski



Martha Proco



Don Pugachow



Joe Puskar



Nancy Radonovich



Jack Rearick



Candy Reed

Sophomores



Dennis Reed



Karen Reiber



Pat Roesch



Linda Salmon



Dan Schroth



Marlene Shurina



Lorraine Schwab



Frank Scopel



Renee Semper



Tom Shoup



Ron Shelestak



Dom Simonetti



Larry Simonetti



Gene Smales



Delores Smay



Donna Smulick



Judy Snyder



Dianne Skurka



Ralph Stanisky



Bob Stanko



Gene Stello



John Swaiko



Chuck Sweeney



Dolly Suhan



Char Surdyk



Jim Tedesco



Elaine Thompson



Bill Thornton



Cheryl Tibensky



Hank Trevellini



Carol Troyak



Mike Truckley



Mar Uchic



Pat Valerio



Ed Vasilcik



Kathy Venesky



Jan Victain



Carol Wagner



Fran Waldo



Fred Walters



Gail Williams



Jerry Withers



Karen Zalus



Stan Zawrotnaik



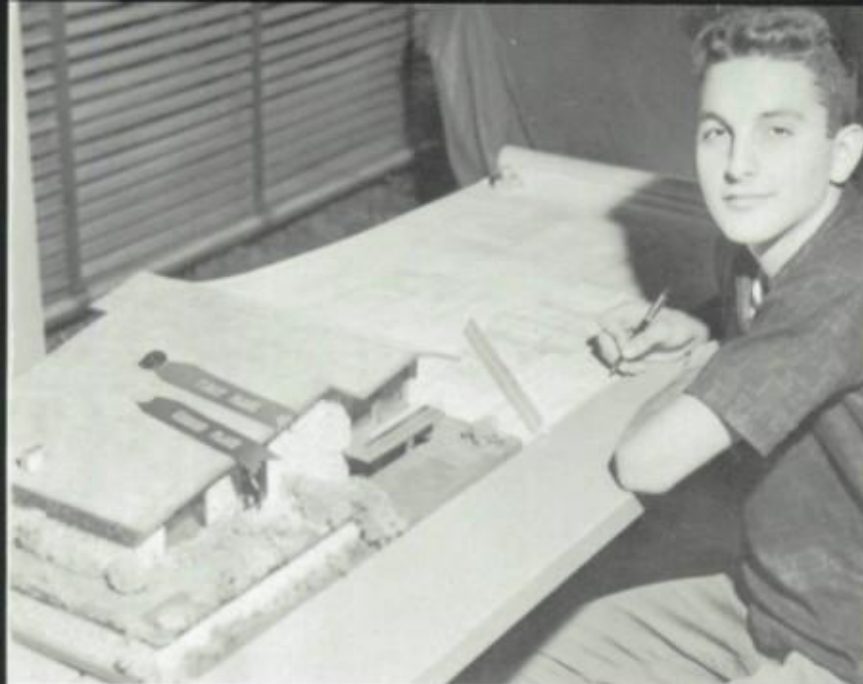
Pat Zilla



JoAnn Zoccki

PLAY THIS ONE—Patty Roesch harrasses disc jockey Dan Marcinko to play her favorite record. Awaiting an opportunity, too, are Rose Fricchi-one, left, and Diane Johns.





FUTURE ARCHITECT—Phil Berardelli is shown with the model home and detailed blue-print plans which won him the highest honors awarded at the Western Pennsylvania Industrial Arts Fair for architectural design.

PUBLICATION LEADERS—Cathy Lynn Bockchek and Roy Drum were important names in this year's Antler and Coalagra. Both were awarded summer scholarships to Ohio and Pitt University for their leadership.



PERT AND PRETTY—These three vivacious freshmen withstood grueling eliminations to become new varsity cheerleaders. From left are Jan Pawloski, Beth White, and Joan Fryer.

There will be at least two major events the class of 1966 will remember from their sensational freshman year—the fun-filled picnic-party and the construction of the scenic “nature trail.”

The party took place during one of the first beautiful days of early summer, and the frosh really enjoyed themselves in everything from softball to submerging plenty of “sub” sandwiches.

During the entertainment portion of the picnic, SUE HAZLETT and IRENE GRZYBEK had them “rolling in the aisles” with their rendition of “Out Behind the Barn.” SUE STEVENSON and ANDREA MATZE also knew how to produce laughs when they presented a comical scene from the silent screen.

The nature trail idea originated in MR. POWERS’ active civics classes. Before you knew it, the freshmen, some 180 strong, sliced, stomped, tugged, pulled, and raked a beautiful nature trail through the wooded area behind the school. This will be used in future years by interested classes, such as biology and science.

DAVID CARO will always be remembered in association with his pint size tractor that helped greatly in making the trail. (Until—a flat tire!)

And then there was the smartly constructed bridge over the dry creek. Those ingenious “engineers” who designed the structure were TOM MISCHEN, STEVE MAHOLIC, and PHIL BERARDELLI, just to mention a few.

Even the classrooms provided freshmen with plenty of memoirs to think about in the years to come. In

Nature Trail, Picnic Party Highlight Freshman Year

Freshmen



TO LEAD MARCHING BRAVES—After many painstaking hours of practice, chosen as new majorettes for the coming year were freshmen Mary Ann Gezzi, Kathy Nagy, Virginia Shelestak, Fran Bzorek, and Pat Zebracki.

English they'll remember their commendation letters to some of the world's dignitaries and actors. Some of the unique replies included those received by DARLENE MATULIS, from Brenda Lee; TONY FILOTEI, from Charleton Heston; SANDY DOWNING, from Dale Evans and Roy Rogers; JANICE ORDAKOWSKI, from Richard Beymer, and RON HUDAK, from Raymond Burr.

The general science students made history, too. Some extra-special projects for the year included CINDY LACZEK'S mineral farm, PAT GARBOS' incubator, SHIRLEY BOBER'S "exclusive" fingernail polish remover, and HOWARD HAMILTON'S ever-erupting volcano.

Although only 9th graders, the freshmen raked in their share of recognition in all fields of endeavor. Notable among those were COLLEEN NELSON, winner of several distinguished art awards; JIM DOWNING and PHIL BERARDELLI, winners in the vocational arts Western Pennsylvania competition; CATHY LYNN BOCHEK and ROY DRUM, awarded scholarships to Ohio University and Pitt University respectively, for being the outstanding Coalagra staff members of the year; and LINDA CRAIGHEAD and MIKE GASTON, top algebra student awards.

CAROL BOCK, SANDY WEIDMAN, SUE STEVENSON, and SUE ALLISON proved to be distinguished in their Girl Scout troop and church when they received God and Community Medals, one of the highest recognitions awarded in the scouting program.

All in all, the freshman year of the Class of 1966 will be well remembered by its members as one of the best years spent at West Deer High School.

IN HONOR OF OUR LEADER!—Hardworking (?) freshmen take a break from their work on the nature trail to pose on "Powers Memorial Stump," affectionately named in honor of Mr. Powers who originated the nature study trail idea. The trail will be used by science-biology classes.



MOST POPULAR—Pretty Beth White was the freshman choice to represent the Class of '66 as Homecoming Court attendant.





BUILDING THE BRIDGE—Busy as bees are these freshmen as they work industriously to complete their famous nature study trail.



Bill Reith
PRESIDENT



Jeff Hubbs
VICE-PRESIDENT



Barb Stecz
SECRETARY



Beth White
TREASURER

Class of 1966 - The Freshmen



Al Alexander



Sue Allison



Carl Angeloff



Joyce Armstrong



Gary Atkinson



Velma Ball



Theresa Baron



Georgi Baughman



Marsh Beaufort



Phil Berardelli



Carol Bertuzzi



Chuck Bidek



Den Bishop



Shirley Bober



Cathy Bocek



Carol Bock



Joe Bonovitz



Gary Bongiovanni



Mary Broda



Donna Brinker



Den Brudney



Gary Buchanich



Fran Bzorek



Pat Campbell



Jim Cardone



Karen Cassidy



Byron Carion



Dan Carlock



Dave Caro



Dave Chipple



Gerry Cieszynski



Sandy Compson

Freshmen



Bruce Cooper Lin Craighead Rich Daluisio Betty DeKleva Nick DeMartini Judy Dembaugh Bill Divelbiss Jim Downing



Sandy Downing Noreen Drag Betty Dropp Roy Drum Pat Dugan Ann Felitsky Bob Field Tony Filotei



JoAnn Fish Dan Fleck Linda Flis Harvey Fornoff Joan Fryer Bill Fulton Ted Fyala Pat Garbos



Mike Gaston Mar Gerashenko MaryAnn Gezzi Den Graham Bob Grandy Elaine Grimes Joe Grebeck Irene Grzybek



Tony Guerrieri Ted Guzy Howard Hamilton Cheryl Hazlett Sue Hazlett Karen Heck Syl Hemphill Kathy Hodges



Greg Hogan Dave Horrick Randy Hromika Joe Hudak Ron Hudak Terry Hudon Linda Hunter Peg Jacob



Judy Jamison Pat Jewell Joe Katkic Debby Kemmen Karl Kennedy Wynn Kenyon Jim Klobuchar Pat Kondrak

Freshmen



Ken Krupa Bob Kulik Jan Kutchko Cindy Laczek Jim Langhurst Lil Large Rick Lassinger Blaine Leggens



John Less Sandy Lettrich Betty Linamen Pam Lojek Peg Long Shari Longdon Dudley Lose Joanne Lovic



Kathy Lyle Steve Maholic Pris Makara Carol Makuta Brian Mallinson Harry Malone Ann Mann Rich Matas



Darlene Matulis Andi Matze Ron McAtee Linda McBride



Gerry McHarg Joyce Michael Shirley Miller Tom Mischen



Ed Miskevich George Mitar Pat Monarko Mary Moro



Kathy Nagy Ray Navarro Colleen Nelson Linda Nolker



OUR BUDDY—Jim Downing can't understand why all the affection all at once from Joanne Lovic and Betty Linamen.

IT'S EASY—Tom Saginaw, left, and Den Brudney get plenty of "help" from Gerry Pidhirny, center, during a game of chess.



Freshmen



Carol Olson Cathy O'Malley Jan Ordakowski Terry Ostrzycki Bonnie Owcar Lorraine Parker Bill Pawloski Janet Pawloski



Rose Pazak Judy Peaco Linda Peaco Gerald Pidhirny Geneva Pittman Janet Pompe Rose Puskarich Bob Pysh



John Radocaj Tony Raffaelli Diane Roeder Linda Rote Tom Rush Terry Rymer Tom Saginaw Wally Schmitt



Lou Schreiber Naomi Schubert John Scotch Ken Semprevivo Virginia Shelestak Fran Simonetti Jean Smith Bill Smith



Gary Sobotka Rose Stanish Frank Stecz Mike Stephan Sue Stevenson Lonnie Stock Dan Storoz Darlene Stuckey



Allen Stull Ed Styslinger Chuck Styslinger Dale Thomas Dave Valerio Rich Vioral Kathy Wallace Sue Waite



Sandy Weidman Jerry Wells Dan Werner Dave Williams Steve Yakimczyk Jim Zachocki Paul Zalus Patty Zebracki

Class of 1967 - The 8th Graders

Sherry Adams
Lloyd Altman
Jim Antonika
Jim Atkinson
Rich Bartchy
Sandy Baumgardner
Al Beckes
Karen Beckett



Dave Berardelli
John Beyer
Frank Bibri
Jim Bibri
Georgia Blainer
Steve Bohatch
James Borczyk
Jim Bottles



Bob Brocious
Jim Brooke
Carol Brozewicz
Tony Bryan
Yvonne Buchanich
Dan Budz
Den Burchell
Louise Caridi



Jim Carmichael
Vince Cesarino
Sandy Consolaro
Jack Cowfer
Bob Criswell
Hope Cunningham
Bill Currin
Judy D'Andrea



Frank Dawson
Vivian Dawson
Donna DeBald
Tom DeMartini
Diane Dembaugh
Joanne Dropp
Bill Droste
RoseMary Drum



Greg Dorochia
Fred Eiler
Margie Evanega
Rich Eversole
Kathy Field
Abby Fredley
Mike Galbraith
Mary Geib



Joe Georgic
Marlene Georgic
Wayne Gillam
Dean Girdwood
Sam Gornick
Bonnie Graff
Cathy Guarich
Terry Greenwalt



Barb Haas
Adrianne Hazlett
Ann Heck
Peg Hartz
Bob Henry
Bill Herstek
Bill Holland
Bob Hoover



Julia Horchar
Cindy Hrobak
Judy Hudek
Bob Hudon
Larry Huffman
Larry Huppenthal
Donna Husarik
Larry Irvine



Eighth Grade



Rose Johnson
Tim Johnston
Bob Kaminsky
Tom Kapustik
Dennis Kashlak
Patty Keillor
Arthur Kenyon
Karen Kermes

Janet Klinger
Joe Kozora
George Krstonich
Linda Kuhns
Martha Kuhns
Elaine Ladesic
Dave Lamperski
Randy Lasko

Joe Laus
Cheryl Leggens
Fran Leggens
Larry Less
Larry Lindgren
Kathy Lohman
Jackie Lorenc
Marlene Makara



Bruce Mallinson
Marita Marsili
Jeff Martin
Don Matthews



Sharon Mathewson
John Mayhut
Ed Mazurek
Tom Mellon



Henry Merola
Bob Mialky
Char Miller
Bob Montgomery



Duane Mountan
Joe Murray
Joanne Myers
Jean Negley



Betsy Newcamp
Miriam Newman
Mike O'Leary
Patty O'Malley



Diane Osele
Cathy Paszek
Ralph Patrick
Joanne Pawloski



Dave Peluchette
Pat Pernick
Charles Pipich
Alexsandra Pirozek
Marilyn Poletunow
Bob Porter
Dave Power
Bonnie Prokop



Terry Puskas
Steve Radage
Regina Rainski
Rene Raymer
Virginia Reid
John Riley
Terry Ritchie
Tom Rogers



Joanne Rokoski
Donna Ramaley
Fred Rote
Norma Sampson
Mildred Schmidt
Mary Semko
Cindy Shearer
Lorraine Shelestak



KEEPING IN STEP—The 8th graders seemed to really enjoy the dancing at their annual class party in the spring.

Eighth Grade

Al Shields
Debbie Shurina
Marie Siekierski
Tom Simonetti
Paul Sippel
Elsie Smith
John Snitzer
George Sorokacs

Walt Soss
John Stalker
Dennis Stitt
Norb Straznick
Carol Styslinger
Mary Sweeney
Donna Tedesco
Bob Thimmons

Joe Thompson
Len Tomaszewski
Elaine Trochi
Bruce Turner
Nancy Valerio
Pat Venesky
Eric Vioral
Sallie Vorp

Judy Wagner
Jim Walker
Ray Walker
David Waszkiewicz
Mary Watterson
Caryn Wells
Barb Wenskovitch
Bob Wenzel

Sarah Wetzel
Barclay Whitaker
Janice Wilkinson
Tony Wilkosz
Veronica Wilkosz
Jim Wright
Mary Yourish
Randy Zalewsky

Carol Zalus
Bruno Zawrotniak
Ray Zenewicz
Jane Zilla
Karen Zimmerman
Carol Zoccki
Cheryl Zock
Gary Zock

Len Zonarich



TAKING A BOW—These students were credited with scoring an "8th grade first" at West Deer by presenting a Christmas assembly for the entire student body. Bob Wenzel, center, played the leading role. Others who took part were, front, Martha Kuhns, Ozzie Kenyon, Don Mat-

thews, Sara Wetzel, Elaine Ladesic, Ann Heck. Standing, Sharon Matthewson, Bonnie Graff, Jane Zilla, Kathy Lohman, Donna Husarik, Hope Cunningham, Kathy Paszek, Diane Osele, Mildred Schmidt, Jan Klinger, Marilyn Pole-tunow, Sally Vorp, Yvonne Buchanich.



Class of 1968 - The 7th Graders



Jim Afanesko
Kenny Anderson
Gloria Angeloni
Dennis Antonace
Bill Baxter
Dave Bayne
Curtis Benke
Roger Bernard

Jim Bibza
Dave Bodnar
Janet Boody
Larry Boord
Betty Boyle
John Brick
Ralph Brick
Brian Bridgewater

Carole Bucci
Barb Buchanich
Nancy Budz
Joe Burdek
Dave Capello
Cheryl Cassidy
Joe Catanese
Elaine Catherwood

Joyce Charney
Dave Cheskey
Dixie Chestnut
Chuck Cieszynski
Paula Cole
Ken Collier
Norma Cowfer
Dixie Craig

Cynthia Cross
Dave Cross
Deborah Crowe
Ellen Dahlstedt
Albert Dancisin
Wayne Danowski
Robert Dillner
Wayne Dillner

Joy Dineff
Charles Dockman
Lorraine Dombroski
Diane Drum
Mike Dugan
Linda Dull
Martin Eiler
Penney Ekas

Pat Elliott
Ray Farnem
George Fosnaught
Kathy Ferrance
Louise Filotei
Deb Fischer
Laura Flis
Marty Fornoff

Darlene Frampton
Irene Fry
Jan Furer
Den Gaggini
Carol Galbraith
Linda Garcia
Ray Gardner
Denise Garripoli

Tom Gbur
Nancy Gilson
Elaine Godlewski
Elaine Grass
Cheryl Gray
Dave Hails
Lynn Haines
Marilyn Hanchett

Seventh Grade

MIGHTY PRETTY—A group of 7th graders seem fascinated by the beautiful flower arrangements viewed on their field trip to Phipps Conservatory.



Kathy Harbison
Tracy Herman
Edie Hladney
Nick Hromika
Mike Husarik
Nan Jackson
Dotty Jameson
Carl Johnson



Charles Johnson
Larry Kozik
Diana Kozora
Dave Kristofic
Susan Kunka
Janet Kwitkowski
Rich Lamperski
Joe Langfitt



Butch Latronica
Linda Laus
Pat Layhew
Ed Lewetag
Kathy Liles
Alan Long
Yvonne Lorenc
George Machen



Veronica Makuta
Dolores Marynarczyk
George Masdea
Margaret Masdea
Rich Massimino
Walt McCorkle
Larry McDivitt
Nancy McKay



Linda Meder
George Metzler
Dave Michael
Carolyn Miller
Karen Miller
Debbie Moeller
Dot Montgomery
Leslie Murphy



Dan Murray
Chris Nagy
Gary Nicholson
Don Norris
Linda Norris
Rose Nwanski
Donna Olzak
Dianne O'Malley



Arthur Osele
George Palmer
Jim Parrish
Patty Paul
Sylvia Paszek
Richard Pian
Shirley Pidhirny
Sam Pelczarski



Seventh Grade



Stan Pittman
Tom Pivni
Rich Pysh
Fran Rafaelli
Barb Reiber
Bill Reynolds
Den Ringer
Pauline Rokoski

Ed Rush
Sue Saginaw
Lynne Schwab
JoAnn Schlender
Terry Schreiber
Tamara Schroth
Sharon Seamon
Gerry Semko

Mike Semler
Gerry Shelestak
Barb Shields
Joe Shurina
Mary Siekierski
Jon Siriano
Rebecca Smarra
John Sobran

George Stampolis
Bob Stark
Ray Stark
Roger Stivers
Bill Stiveson
Steve Stiveson
Ed Storey
Larry Sunderlin

Vickey Swanson
Debbie Swarc
Cindy Tabacchi
Barb Thimons
Linda Thompson
Lin Trevellini
Tina Trocki
Donna Utescher

Mara Vagnozzi
George Victain
Dave Vidic
Ron Vorp
Steve Vyhnanek
Anita Zukowski
Tom Zenewicz
Walt Walters

Earla Watkins
Tina Watts
Carol Weber
Theresa Weido
Denise Weidman
Tina Wenskovich
Kathy Williams
Rayalee Withers

ENJOYING THE RIVER?—Best part of field trips, all 7th graders agree, is the unique refreshments.



NEAT—Out of their cheerleading uniforms but still looking pretty are Cindy Tabacchi and Gloria Angeloni as they enjoy some dancing at the 7th grade party.



West Deer Teachers Make Curriculum Effective

*Teacher sets pace for how much
is to be absorbed in his classroom,
His students' success is his goal*

This section of the yearbook deals with the curriculum—what is being taught at West Deer, and how it is being taught.

It is fitting, therefore, that the curriculum is introduced with a salute to the West Deer teacher, the person who is most responsible for its success or failure.

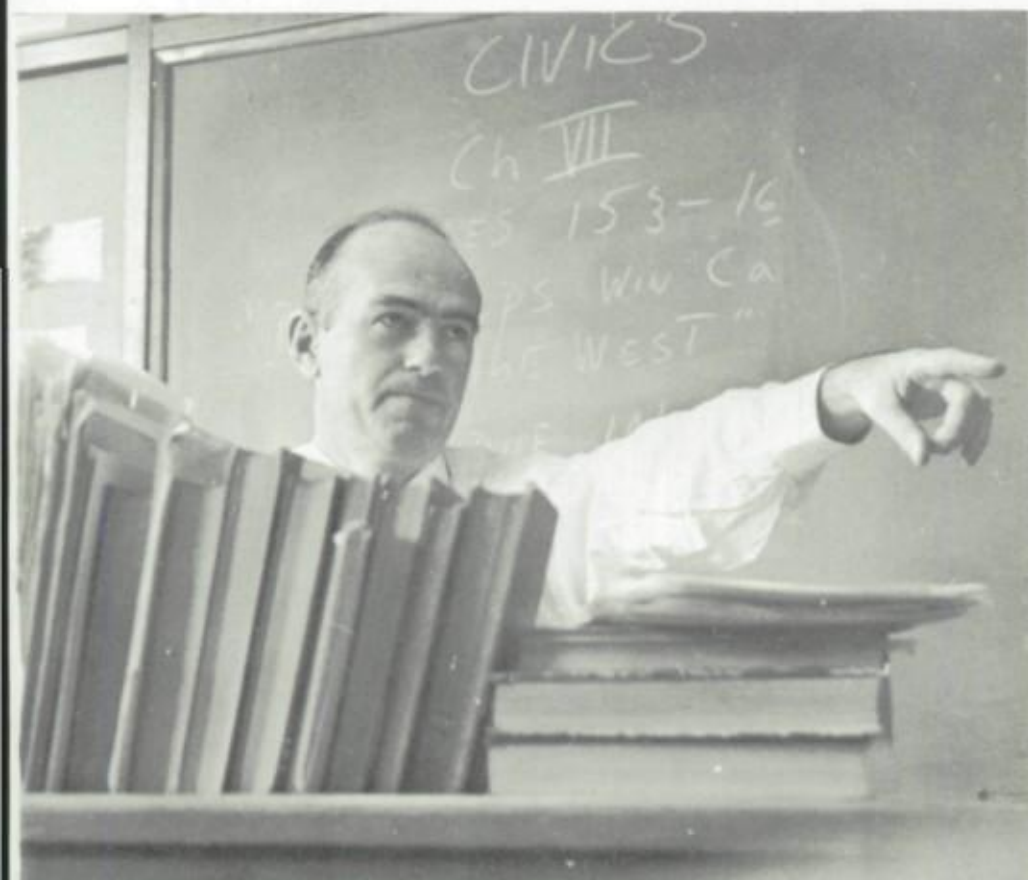
Fortunately, West Deer High School is staffed with 48 of the most superior and dedicated teachers in their respective fields. All have one or more college degrees, nearly half have Masters Degrees, and almost every teacher keeps pace with modern trends by continuing his education in evening or summer courses at local colleges, in addition to attending special workshops.

In reality, the teacher determines how much can be absorbed in his classroom. He takes advantage of his unique opportunity to carefully mold the lives of his students so it will eventually lead to success, family happiness, and goals achieved.

Next to a student's parents, no one makes a more lasting impression on a young person than his teacher.

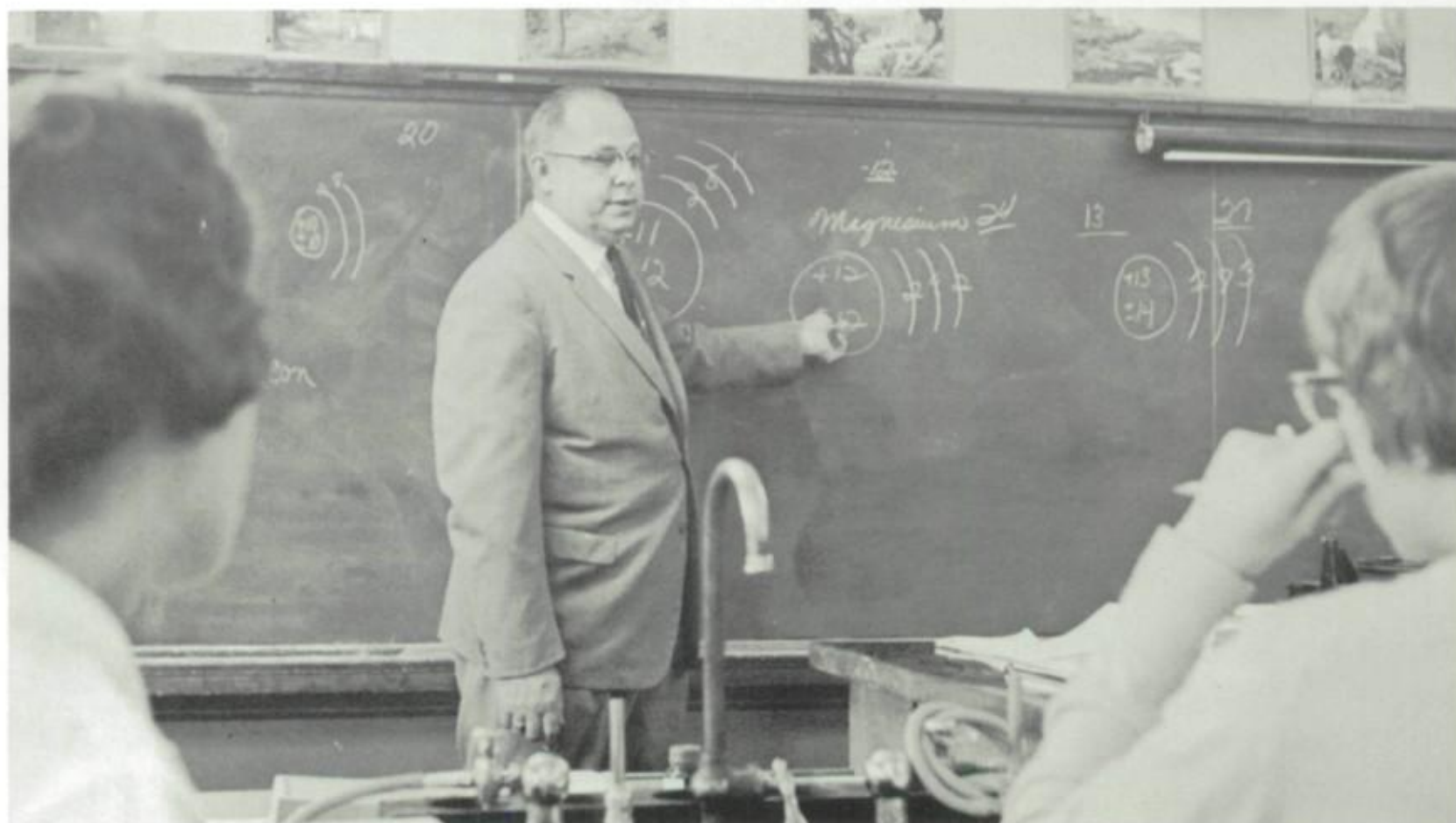
Even under the crowded conditions of our school, with an additional share of responsibilities, and with an extra overload of papers to correct, the West Deer High School teacher stands out.

We're proud of them. They are the craftsmen of our curriculum which has produced in more than successful fashion during the school's 20-year history.

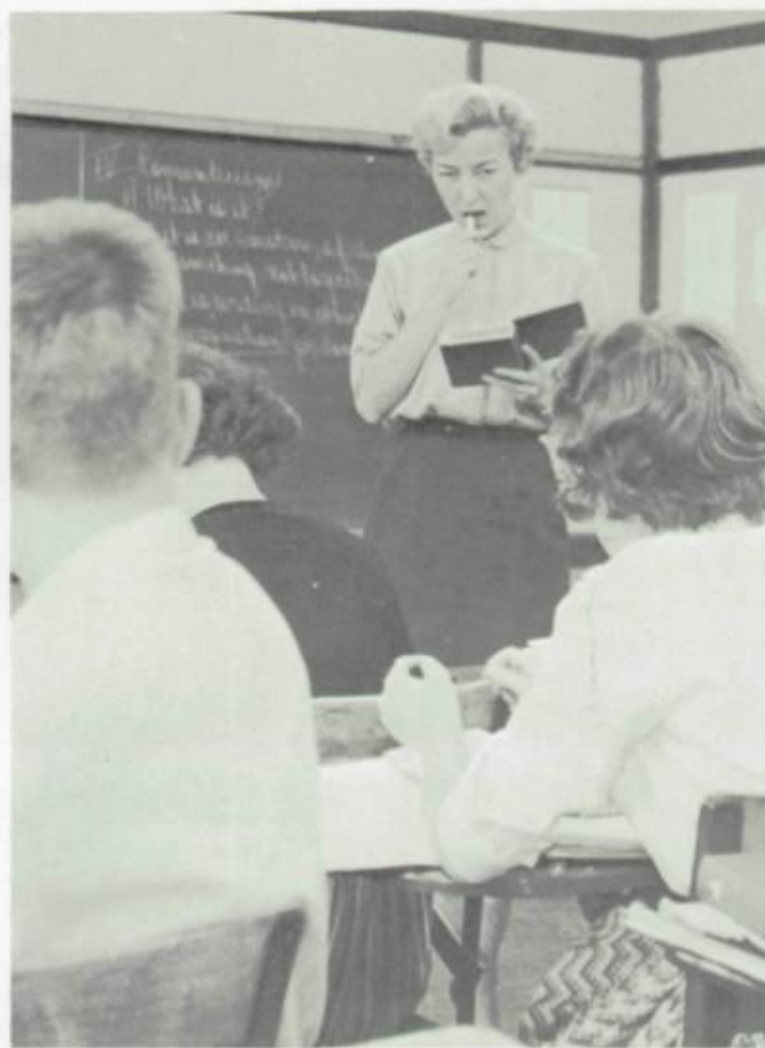
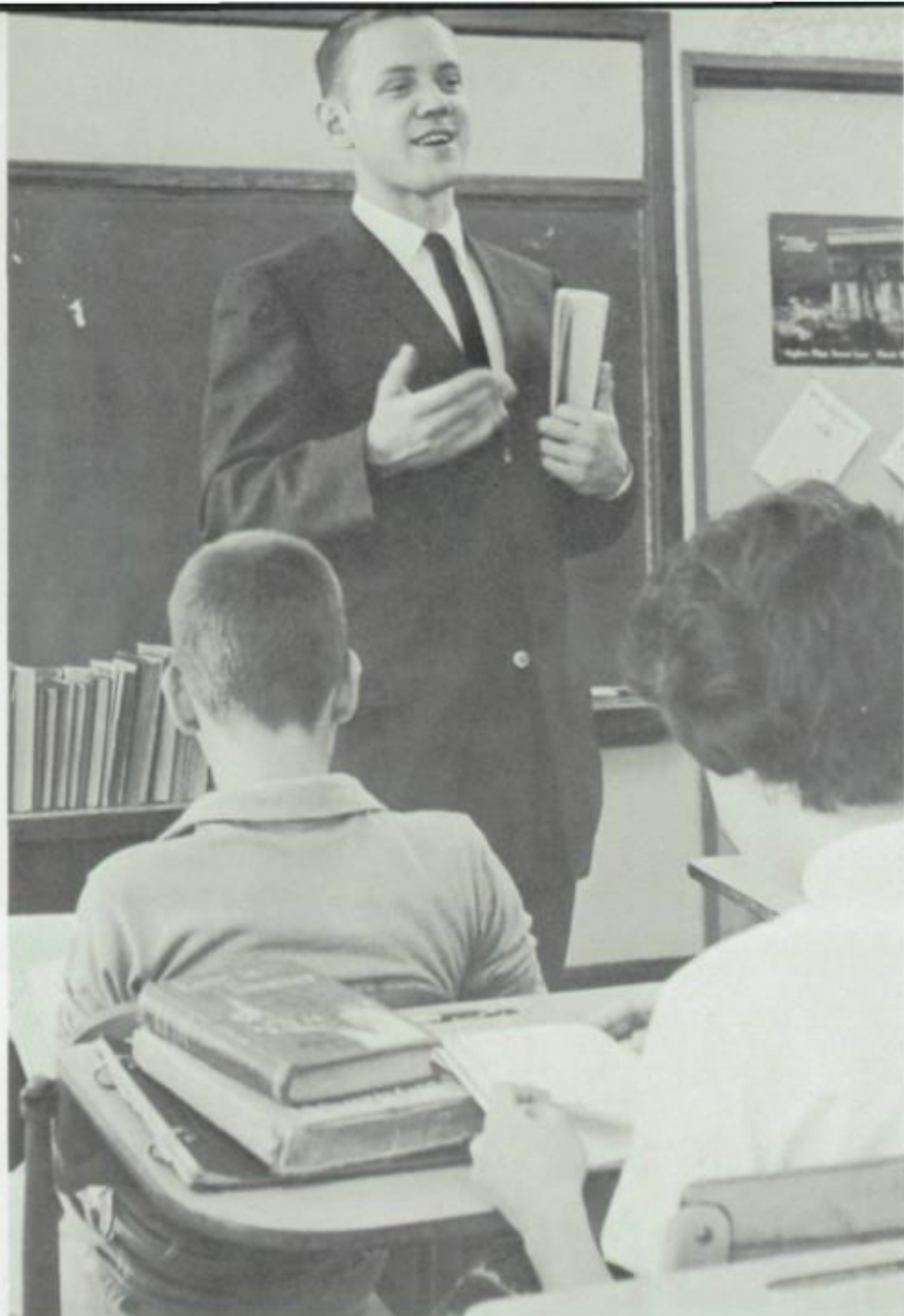


View from the front desk.

Making workable the previously complex.



There's pleasure in imparting knowledge.



The student question is a reward as well as a challenge.

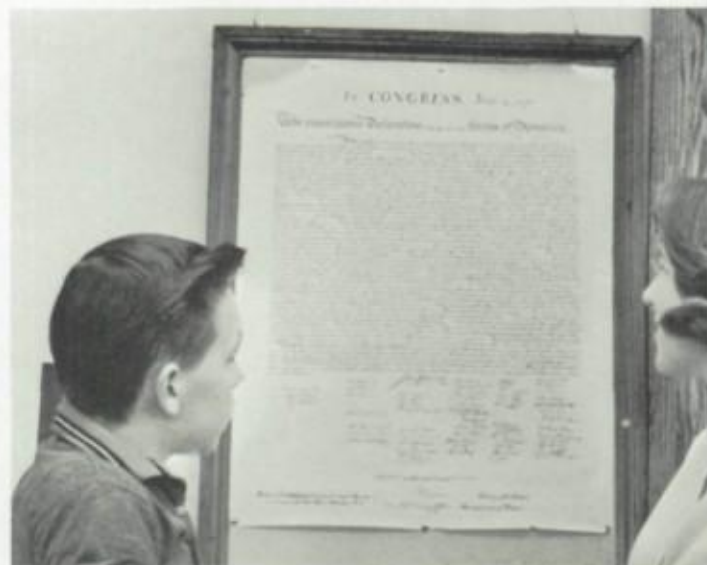
Grade book and papers to correct are the trademarks.



Helping to mold their future.



A fervent pledge to the flag of free men.



FAMOUS DOCUMENT—Jim Bibri and Cheryl Leggens examine a replica of the Declaration of Independence.



KEEPING UP TO DATE—The daily newspaper is used by many classes to keep everyone fully informed.

AFTER YOU, GIRLS—Craig Stephan shows some old but never out of date courtesy in allowing girls to enter first.



Respect:

HE'S OUR MAN!—Following a brief caucus during history class mock elections, several students come to the unanimous agreement that they'll support West Deer's own J. R. Montgomery for county treasurer.



Practicing the Rights and Duties of a Good Citizen

Survival of democracy depends on well informed, educated individuals who have concern for fellow man and respect for authority

Some critics of our way of life contend that the "average" high school student has lost his devotion to American ideals, lost his faith, lost his discipline and vitality.

If this is the "average" student of the day, then we proudly proclaim that such a creature certainly does not exist at West Deer High School.

Instead, through the daily course of events in and out of the classroom, the West Deer student takes part in countless learning experiences that help mold a participating, productive citizen of community and country.

It commences during his first few minutes in school when he joins his fellow classmates in a fervent pledge to a flag that stands for a type of freedom and way of life that men the world-over yearn.

For the next seven hours the student, in one way

or another, practices our cherished heritage, whether it be studying a famous document in civics class or perfecting the right of free and responsible discussion in a speech class.

Particularly in our overcrowded school situation, each student quickly recognizes the necessity for preserving the dignity and worth of the individual. He learns the function of law and order, not in a police state manner but in a fashion that encourages him to have regard for the equal rights of all.

Indeed, the West Deer student knows and practices respect, self-control, and furtherance of American ideals. He emerges a desirable member of his family, his community, and his nation. He realizes that democracy flourishes when the young American is well-informed, educated, and harbors a sympathy and concern for his fellow man.



Through research, experimentation, and unrestricted reading . . .

Search Continues for Truths of Past and Future

Man's determination to discover the challenging mysteries of the Universe and the unsolved truths of medicine has made a definite impression on the curriculum of West Deer High School.

Enthusiasm and conscientious application was especially noticeable this term in the areas of science, mathematics, and advanced technical reading.

The opportunities for learning, offered in some 20 different courses along this line at West Deer, may lead in many directions.

A young man, peering through a microscope at the molecular make-up of a cell, may someday use that same instrument and basic knowledge to help cure the world of the scourge of cancer.

The group performing a relatively simple chemistry experiment may someday be part of a team that

takes part in the destined quest and utilization of outer space.

Student in physics classes envision their participation in the almost make-believe world of missiles and supersonic transportation. Those in advanced math await challenges in construction of even newer and more fantastic computer systems. Those in biology may be classmates of the future bio-chemist who solves the aged-old problem of how ocean water can be made easily usable by mankind the world-over.

Though these possibilities may seem remote and far off in a misty horizon to the student studying the basics, it was with this dedication to purpose that gave both students and teachers a renewed impetus in research and experimentation.



WE HAVE IT—Ron Stello and Rich Chambers track down the correct cc.

ARE YOU SURE?—Mr. Monnier checks a chem class group analyzing data.



MUCH AVAILABLE—The well stocked West Deer High School library is the scene of much student research and technical reading.



Curriculum

*The written and spoken word is more potent
than the mightiest bomb;*

*At West Deer we strive to become proficient
in many languages, as well as our own*

Will there come a time when the people of the world will learn to cooperate on this earth and strive as brothers to provide a lifetime for all without fear, where freedom, progress, and fulfillment of wholesome purposes are the fruits?

If this isn't achieved, the alternative—failure to comprehend, tolerate, and understand—can only lead to the inevitable self-destruction that a thermo-nuclear age is capable of producing.

This understanding helps in the development of an important area of West Deer High School's curriculum, the area that stresses proficient oral and written communication.

How momentous this task is can be recognized by several events that took place during the term. One was the faculty in-service workshop headed by the English department. Over 100 teachers of the district studied the problem of incorporating clear, concise, accurate speaking and writing in all subject areas, not merely English class. Findings of this workshop were put to immediate use throughout the high school and elementary schools.

Another important development of the year was the strengthening of the foreign languages department with the addition of Spanish classes, supplementing the well-established French and Latin. The emergence of Latin America in the world focus made understanding of the Spanish language and culture a distinct necessity of every American.

Whether it was a fiery discussion during parliamentary law practice in ninth grade, or learning correct telephone techniques in business English class, the West Deer student was learning to communicate effectively.

His instruction and practice in these classes culminated in a more intelligent reader, writer, and speaker. And in the process, he was equipping himself to help eliminate the shameful deficiencies which have shackled the world and caused mankind to border the brink of total destruction because of the inability to understand each other.



"WEE, PROFESSEUR"—Leo Zilla accepts the challenge and writes in French as Mr. Kristofik, the teacher, dictates.



FASCINATED—Gerry Cieszynski and Jeff Hubbs examine one of the many creative projects constructed for Latin Class.

MY GOLLY—Linda Johansson, senior high honor student, scans a pile of the many books a WD student reads during his years here.





"MUCHO GUSTO"—Learning how to speak in Spanish must be quite a lot of fun, as shown on the faces of Marlene Uchic, Henry Boch, Sue Stevenson, Linda Flis, and teacher Mrs. DiGiralamo.

Learning to Communicate Accurately, Effectively

MY FRIENDS—George Drombosky practices gestures to make his oral delivery more effective. Assisting him with a critique are Lorraine Halovanic, Mr. Angeloni, and Toni Grzybek.



Field Trips, Guest Speakers Provide



WHO'S THE DRIVER?—Maxine Flynn hopped into the big bulldozer cab, took over the controls, and was ready for action when P.O.D. class visited the West Deer Township municipal building during one of the most informative trips of the year.

GO ARMY—SFC Joe Leah, the friendly recruiter, gives Dave Godlewski all the details on a military career.



necessary Extras

*Educational horizons are widened
when opportunities are available
to talk and work with experts*

Books, lectures, research papers, and more books—what a supreme role they play in the education of every student. However, at West Deer not all learning experiences come from books.

Guest speakers and field trips often provide first-hand answers and information sometimes not adequately clarified by the textbook.

People who have attained proficiency and success in their line of work are called upon to share their experiences with the students and to acquaint them with the duties of their respective fields.

Speakers this year included representatives of law enforcement agencies, social security, all branches of the Armed Services, insurance and investment companies, as well as individuals representing various occupations.

Field trips to hospitals, colleges, and business offices highlighted the on-location sightseeing done by West Deer students. Probably the most ambitious program was the annual Office Visitation Day once again carried out successfully by the Business Department. Each student worked for a full day at one of the many area business offices.

Other informative field trips included the open-air interview conducted by P.O.D. students with Richard Dilworth, the candidate for governor, and trips to the local municipal building and Blawnox workhouse.

Of course, the 7th graders will never forget their great day aboard the Gateway Clipper which showed them scenic and historic locations up and down the Pittsburgh area rivers.



INTRIGUED—Judy Tomaszjewski and Louise Reiber are attentive as nurses Arlene Marshall and Marie Guerrieri tell of their training.



FUTURE GOVERNOR? — An interesting open-air meeting with Mr. Dilworth, candidate for governor, was held by the P.O.D. class. Chatting with the candidate are Jan Cunningham, Marion Kenyon, Bob Rowe, Barry Protheroe, Chuck Aymar, Mike O'Malley, Mr. Angeloni, the P.O.D. class teacher.



PERFECT CONTROL—Patty Roesch perfects her form and technique on the tricky but challenging trampoline.



GO, BARB, GO—There was plenty of vim, vigor, and vitality in the action-packed senior girls volleyball games during early gym classes.



NO, IT DOESN'T HURT!—Cathy Bocek braces for that detestable but valuable inoculation. A thorough immunization program is carried out at West Deer.

Physical Fitness Promoted for

Physical education program from "murder ball" to trampoline provided work-outs for all

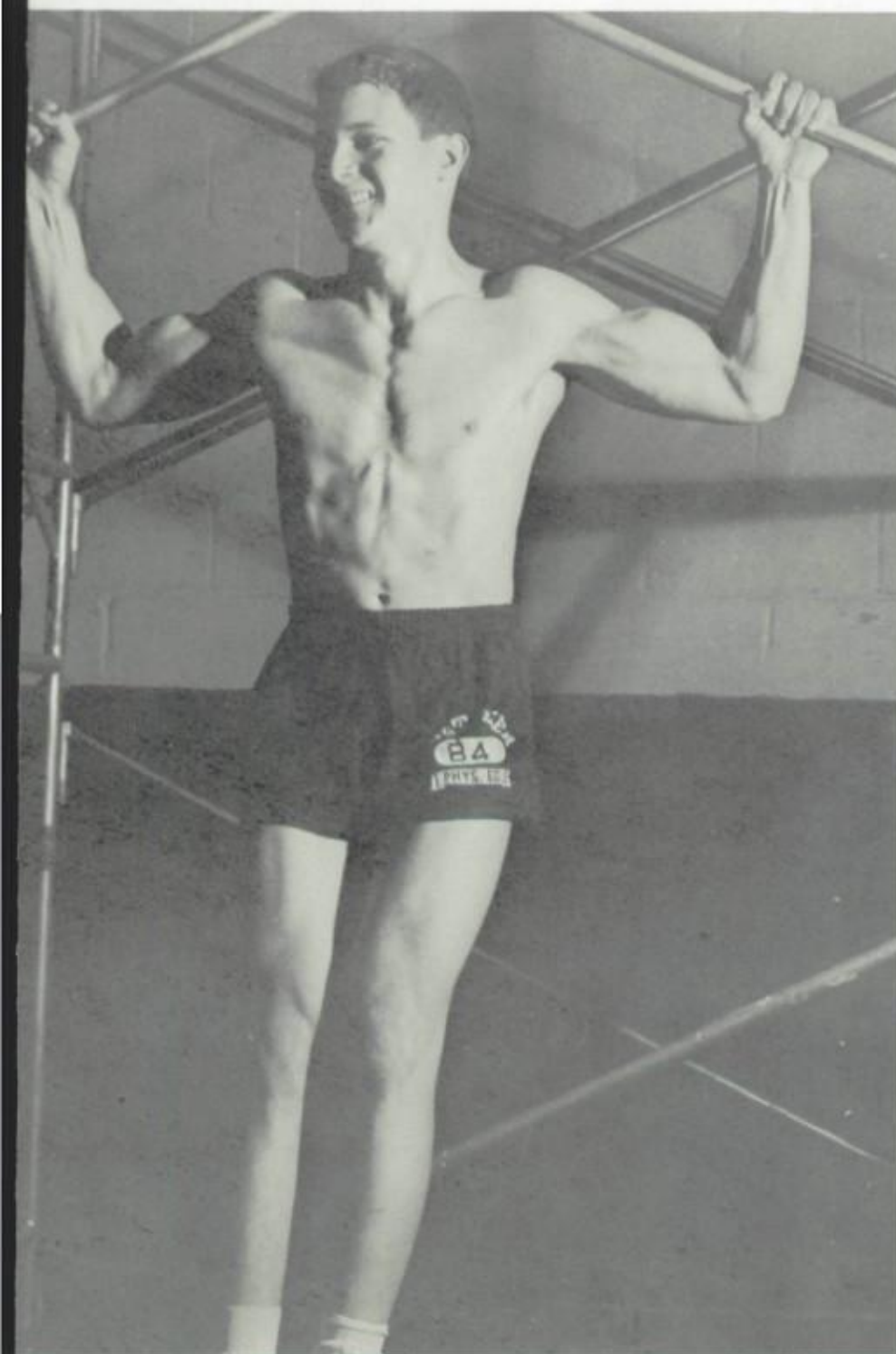
"Every man is the builder of a temple called his body," said philosopher Henry David Thoreau. And West Deer High School's physical education and health departments endeavor to assist each student in perfecting that temple.

Through a program of stimulating exercise and competitive games, physical development is promoted for both boys and girls.

The boys' favorites include outdoor touch football and soccer. Indoors their Number 1 activity is West Deer's exclusive "murder ball!"

The girls' workouts range from basketball and volleyball to taking a few lessons on the trampoline, plus a few flings at some peppy folk dancing.

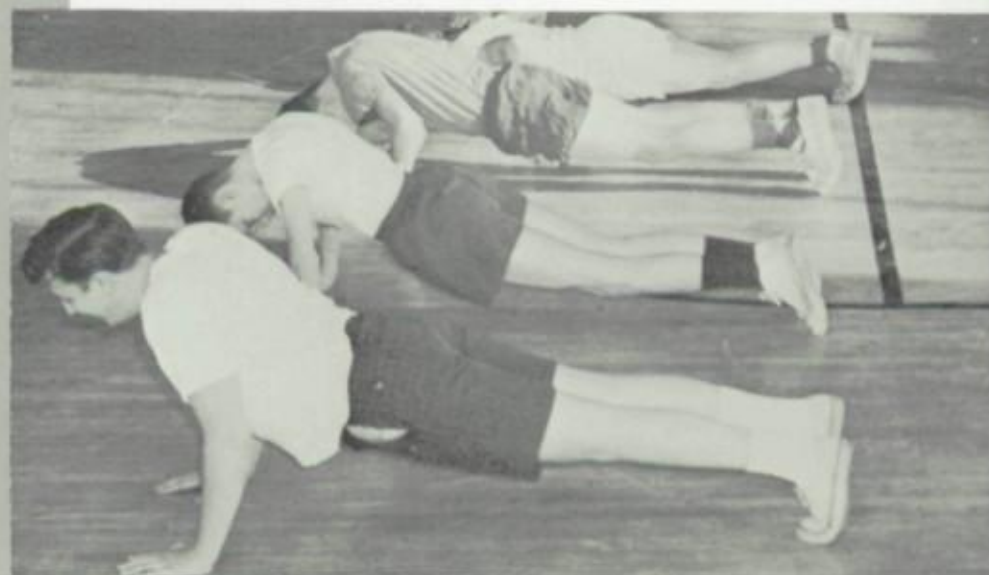
The spirit of keen competition instills in all a de-



A LITTLE WORK-OUT—Rich Kirsch works on toning his muscles with a few chin-ups on the bars. Many West Deer boys are weight lifters.



GANG WAY!—Spirited intra-mural games are always on tap in boys' gym classes. Some real hot-shots are developed.



JUST ONE MORE—There's nothing quite as refreshing (!!) as completion of that 100th push-up during the fitness test.

Healthy Bodies

sire to play well in order that his team wins. But, win or lose, the youngster has participated and has taken the important exercise that the growing, youthful body requires.

Not only is good health promoted in the physical education classes but also in the actual health classes. Here the student adds to his accumulation of knowledge anything from the names of every bone in the body to latest Red Cross first aid practices.

Making the total picture complete is the vital services provided by the school nurse and her extremely busy department. The nurse coordinates a well rounded program of health care that includes needed immunizations and care of the hundred-and-one problems that emerge each day.

Curriculum

Art, literature, music, nature . . .

Fine Arts Program Awakens Deeper Sense of Values

ENJOYMENT—Singing with a group evokes a refreshing type of pleasure.



IT'S THIS WAY—Steve Langfitt, WD's master artist, listens patiently as art instructor Mr. Pastorek gives a critique on his painting.



During his studies at West Deer High School, each student has the opportunity to take part in the enrichment of the fine arts.

This program, covering art, literature, music, and nature, was designed to awaken a deeper sense of values, to display creative talents, and to provide the opportunity for wholesome recreation and relaxation.

Emotions are often undefinable and intangible, yet through art, music, and literature, a student may uncover the basis or outlet for his hopes and desires.

An imaginative person feels at home in the WD art or music department, for there his ideas and talents are encouraged.

West Deer High School proved rich in the way of art superiority. Winning scholarships to the Carnegie Institute were Joe Kozora, Marita Marsili, Colleen Nelson, and Barb Bridgewater.

Two prizes for West Deer were won by Colleen this term, one being the AAA safety poster award.

CREATIVE—A talented 9th grader on her way up is Colleen Nelson. Colleen's paintings, including this one, won several prizes this year.





ARTISTIC ENCHANTMENT—Colleen Nelson is deep in creative thought as she works on one of her many art projects.



learning to serve industry, business, home . . .

All Students Learn Usable, Productive Skills

Since education at West Deer is patterned to develop a thoroughly prepared individual, one phase includes training in skills that enable a student to gain immediate employment.

This program is offered, also, to equip individuals for productive leisure hobbies, as well as to provide vocational abilities.

Since clerical, administrative proficiency plays such a vital role in the American economy, adequate preparation and wide coverage are offered students enrolled in business courses. Over the years, literally hundreds of our graduates have gone immediately from classroom to the business office the day after receiving their high school diploma.

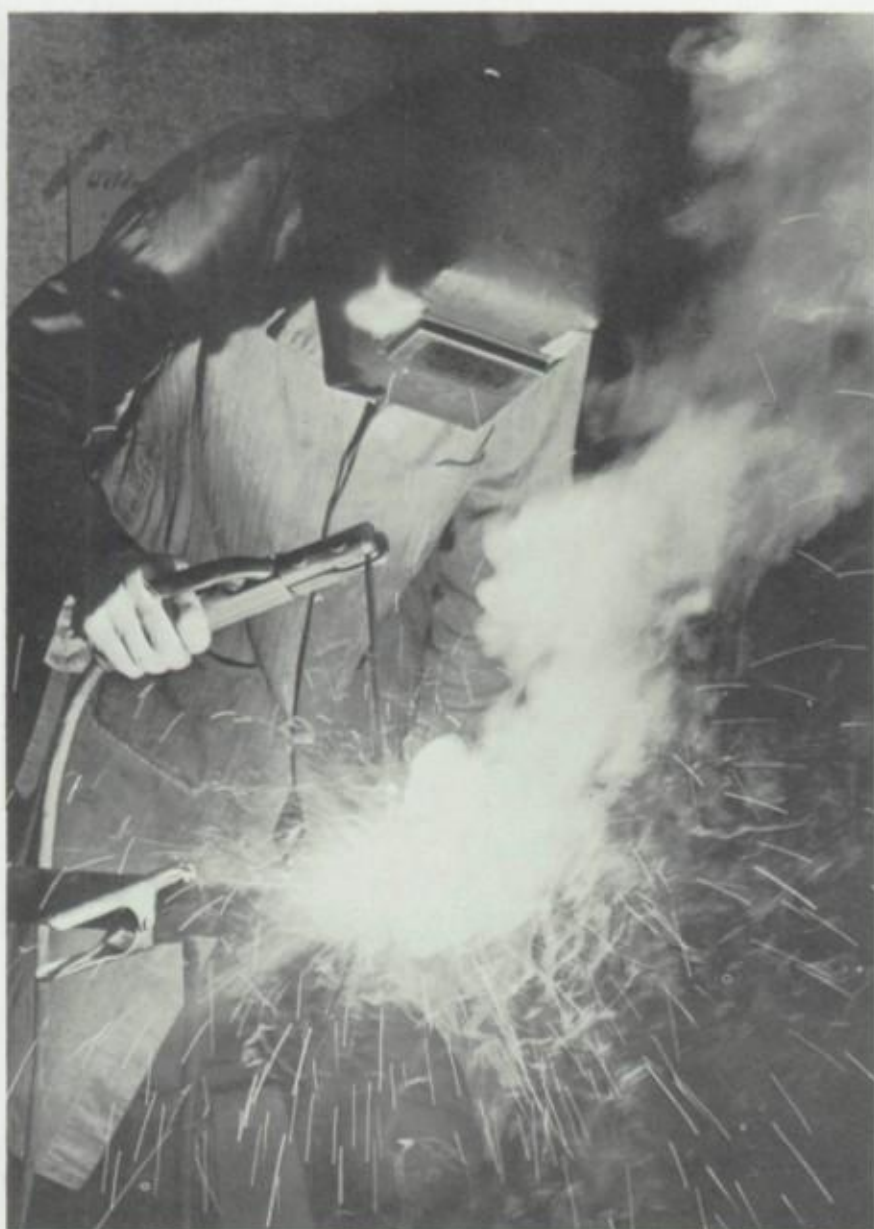
West Deer High School is proud of numerous commendations received from firms in the Pittsburgh employment area for the high caliber of instruction demonstrated by its students.

The "basic three," typing, shorthand, and up-to-date office machines, emphasizing speed and accuracy, are the opening wedges into this area which constantly demands the best any school can produce.

With the guidance of patient and expert teachers, boys are given the opportunity to acquire usable skills in wood shop, metal shop, machine shop, welding, printing, mechanical drawing, just to name a few.

And the girls, even though they may be planning a professional career, are taught such necessities to family happiness as everyday meal planning, budgeting of the food-dollar, basic construction and planning of wardrobes for all ages.

Thanks to the West Deer High School course of instruction, many graduates have gone directly to their job in business, industry, or the home with capabilities and confidence well established.





SUPER ACHIEVERS—Even the sky wasn't the limit for these top five members of the graduating class, Paul Grandy, Joyce Arbogast, Louise Reiber, Linda Johansson, and Margie Klobuchar.



ARION AWARD—Music was one of the areas in which Gary Simonetti made his mark. Here he is with Mr. Mauroni, displaying the Arion Award medal for exceptional ability in music.

ACE TYPISTS—Peg Chelpanoff and Bonnie Setzenfand show the achievement certificate they won for being the most accurate typists in their class.



Achievement Opportunities Valuable Part of Learning

One of the valuable phases of education at West Deer High School is the opportunity to achieve.

Whether it be within the intellectual realms, or as a leader among his fellow classmates, the student is able to evaluate his strong points and judge himself accordingly.

Actually, the philosophy of West Deer schools parallels the thought that no one is a failure. Each person has something to contribute to the welfare of his family, to his community, and to his country.

Students are guided in putting forth their best efforts in order to locate these areas of ability. They are taught the fundamentals in each subject. Then, they work to obtain more proficiency. They are encouraged to set their sights on general goals in life, and to prepare in every way to reach them.

When a home ec student pulls a "perfect" cake out of the oven, when a math student receives a certificate of merit, or when a senior receives his long-awaited diploma, that indescribable feeling of achievement is evoked.

These moments in a person's life help to establish the confidence that eventuates in the climb to success.

CLASS LEADERS—To be recognized as "the best" by your classmates is a special honor. That's what Lee McDonald and Don Bobish was accorded by being named class Queen and King.



*Students learn to find
strong points in all phases of life;
No one is a failure at West Deer*



EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY—Linda Johansson accepts a top math award from Mrs. Cunningham. Other leaders in the class were Paul Grandy and Dick Gilson.



THE HIGH POINT—There's no prouder moment in your life as that instant when you receive your diploma, as this picture of Gloria Lassinger seems to prove.

SAFE DRIVERS—Receiving that driver's license was what these driver's ed students will remember most.





SMOOTHE—Gail George gives out on the bass clarinet.



LOTS OF MUSIC—The trumpet section goes into action.

Practice, Concert

Daily practice sessions, football halftime shows, and concerts all helped to make up an active 21st year for the West Deer High School band.

In the autumn the complete band participated in the annual Alle-Kiski Valley Music Festival. The Marching Braves drew many favorable comments from the large crowd present.

Named the outstanding musician of the year was GARY SIMONETTI, who received the Arion Award. Gary served as drum major, band president, and student director. Another honor was won by TRUDI HARTZ, flutist, named to the district band.

MR. MAURONI also honored 11 of the best West Deer bandmen by naming them to the "honors band." They participated in the special combined concert held in New Kensington.

The band's repertoire extended from martial music and pep songs, played at numerous games and pep rallies, to famous classical works, such as Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony," played at the annual spring concert.

Not all the band's time was spent practicing and playing. They did take time off to "live it up" at a party at the Horn of Plenty smorgasbord. Later in the year the annual band banquet was held in the high school, where special awards were presented to distinguished school musicians.

Of course, behind every successful organization of this type is found a hardworking leader. This at West Deer is the director, MR. MAURONI. Along with Mr. Mauroni, the band members particularly appreciate the work done by the Band Boosters, composed of interested, loyal parents and friends. This dedicated group sponsors canteen dances and band parties, purchases special equipment, and awards sweaters or jackets to senior members.

BEST OF THE YEAR—The band's full repertoire is featured at the annual spring concert.



Band Parades Make Up Active Band Year



HOMETOWN PARADE—Mighty proud of their own school band are Russellton residents watching the Marching Braves in the annual Memorial Day community parade.

The band roster this year included the following:

FLUTE: Linda Johansson, Trudi Hartz, Andi Matze, Wil Brubaker, Betty Jean Currin, Mary Jane Fleck, and Betty Dillner

E^b CLARINET: Janice Power

CLARINET: Gary Simonetti, Tony Plesha, John Plesha, Roy Drum, Dave Jura, Bonnie Setzenfand, Linda Nolker, Freida Gaul, Peggy Long, Linda Flis, Ron Cotton, Sue Allison, Janet Pompe, Tony Filotei, Dave Ivey

BASS CLARINET: Al Hohmann, Gail George

ALTO SAX: Diane Beckett, Nancy Mahnick, Judy Puskas, Dave Kashlak, Jim Cardone, George Mitar, Fran Porter, Anne Kinniburgh, Nancy Erskine, Ed Moro, Bob Wenzel.

TENOR SAX: Ray Baron, Don Bobish, Bill Pawloski

BARITONE SAX: Joyce Monnier

TRUMPET: Harry Long, Bob Rowe, Jerry Withers, Ken Drombosky, Linda Hails, Dave McMaster, Paul Alexandrunas, Ralph Stanisky, Russ Grimes

FRENCH HORN: Ginger Kenyon, Karl Kennedy, Linda Nary, Marion Kenyon

TROMBONE: Richard Dickson, Mary Jo Kosdemba, Gene Mennow

BARITONE HORN: Nancy Hoffman, Rich Gilson

BASSOON: Celia Dernus

DRUMS: Jim Eversole, Randy Hromika, Dom Simonetti

BASS HORN: Dave Power

BEST MUSICIANS—These outstanding student musicians from West Deer High made up the school's representation at the honors band concert, New Kensington. Seated, John Plesha, Ray Baron, Harry Long. Standing, from left, Linda Johansson, Alvin Hohmann, Dave Jura, Roy Drum, Trudi Hartz, and Ginger Kenyon. Missing from picture are Dick Gilson and Gary Simonetti.





TO LEAD MARCHING BRAVES—Carol Pivni will be the head majorette for the 1963-64 version of the West Deer High School band, while John Plesha will take over as drum major. Both were selected on the basis of their talent, personality, and desirable character traits.

Dedicated Individuals Make Our Band the Best

NEW OFFICERS—Jim Eversole is the new president of the band for the coming term. His chief assistants will be Cheryl Bartchy, secretary, and Paula Gordon, treasurer.



ON REVIEW—Another glimpse of the band during the summer parade in Russellton.





SOON TO WEAR BRAVE UNIFORM—These up-and-coming Junior High musicians will be the band headliners in the years ahead.

GOOD MAN ON THE TUBA—Hardworking and devoted band members like Dave Power make the West Deer band rank with the best in the area. Dave was one of only two 8th graders (the other was Bob Wenzel) whose ability enabled him to play with the varsity band this year.



RIGHT HAND MAN—Joe Grill and Mr. Mauroni take time out from a chat to "mug" for the Coalagra cameraman. Joe served as band announcer for the second straight year.



BOBBIE GRASS
Senior Head Majorette



CROWD PLEASERS—Here are the colorful West Deer majorettes in one of the new half-time routines featured this year.

Majorettes Sp

It's all eyes on the West Deer band when its advanced units of colorguard and majorettes come into view.

This year **BOBBIE GRASS** had the honor of being the head majorette. The co-heads included **LYNNE WHITE**, **PEG CHELPANOFF**, **LOUISE GEZZI**, and **DORENE KERR**.

Drum major and student band director was **GARY SIMONETTI**, while **CHERYL BARTCHY** and

PEG CHELPANOFF



LOUISE GEZZI



LYNNE WHITE



DORENE KERR





HIGHSTEPPERS—The majorette squad this year was made up of Louise Gezzi and Lil Tabacchi, foreground; Dorene Kerr, Lynne White, and Peg Chelpanoff, kneeling; and Carol Pivni, Marlene Uchic, Paula Gordon, Anna Mae Lutynsky, Rosemary DeKleva.

and Appearances

BILL PAWLOSKI whooped it up as the Indian mascots.

Unique new routines, especially "Dixieland Jamboree," where majorettes wore bow ties, cuffs, and striped hats, proved to be real crowd pleasers at football halftime shows and special concert numbers.

Named at the conclusion of this term to serve as head majorette in 1963-64 was CAROL PIVNI, a talented member of the high stepping corps.



STAUNCH ROOTERS—The majorettes were some of the Braves' most avid and loudest supporters.



COLORGUARD—From left, Cheryl Bohn, Nancy Erskine, Cheryl Bartchy, Anne Kinniburgh, Betty Paholich, Bill Pawlowski, Josh McCallister, Carol Malone.



MARIANNE BOCH
Senior Editor



CATHY LYNN BOCEK
Undergraduate Editor



ROY DRUM
Chief of Photography

EDITORS' POW-WOW—Mr. Angeloni, veteran West Deer publications adviser, leads a discussion with top staffers of the '63 Coalagra. From left, Marianne Boch, Ken Drombosky, Roy Drum, Linda Micklow, Cathy Bocek.



Coalagra Staff Records Most Memorable Year

Their goal was to accurately record the thrilling 1962-63 year at West Deer High School.

The job required:

A staff of over 85 people . . . 12 photographers . . . more than 1,500 pictures . . . more than 400 sheets of typewritten material . . . a total of \$4,000 to be raised . . . approximately 600 individual man-hours of effort . . . work in evenings, Saturdays, and for over one full month during the summer.

And still, this is only a partial synopsis of what goes in to a high school yearbook.

Most important are individuals who train themselves to meet all the requirements usually found in the adult working world: dependability, loyalty, ability, interest, and the desire to stick to a job until it is completed in the best fashion possible.

West Deer has been more than fortunate in having these qualifications met during the last few years in a dedicated adviser, MR. ANGELONI, and in a staff that annually makes the West Deer Coalagra rank with the best in the United States.

Their wish is that you will be proud of your Coalagra, and will open it often to recall a precious moment . . . a place . . . a particular day or hour . . . a dear friendship . . . the joys and exuberance of days at your Alma Mater as you lived them during the 1962-63 term.



PHOTOGRAPHS AT WORK—The Coalagra's famous (or infamous!) battalion of cameramen combine their talents (?) to photograph their favorite subject, a pretty girl. The girl is Beth White, freshman homecoming court representative. Photographers, from left, are Bill Larkin, Roy Drum, Paul Alexandrunas, Ken Drombosky. Kneeling are Al Hohmann and Bill Henry.

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KEEPING UP ON THE NEWS

—If you should marry a WD grad and wonder where he got the habit of reading while eating, you can probably blame The Antler for having started it.

Antler Lives Up to Famous Motto

DEADLINE! . . . DEADLINE! . . . Got to beat that deadline!! Writing stories, reading copy, typing dummies, then the stencils; then proofreading, more proofreading, and still more proofreading.

Yet, the finished product, our own newspaper, is well worth the hours consumed—the effort exerted.

The oldest school publication, The Antler, celebrated its 20th year of “covering West Deer High like sunshine.”

Top brass of this year's aggressive editions were BOBBIE GRASS, the editor-in-chief; MARIANNE BOCH, managing editor, and LYNNE WHITE, business manager.

Some new columns were featured, including LOUISE REIBER'S review of what was happening at area schools, JOSH McCALLISTER'S “Zooper Snooper,” and the traditional “Deer Tracks” chatty column.

Outstanding writers of the year were CATHY LYNN BOCHEK, with her exclusive 9th grade class column; COLLEEN NELSON, doing features with a “Nelson-original twist,” and WIL BRUBAKER'S humor (?????) column.

Of course the biggest production job was carried out by the genial faculty adviser, MR. LAVRICH, whose main duty was to dash the stencils to the Baird-ford office at the conclusion of the frantic deadline struggle in the Pub Room. Once in a while he made it!

Other staff members this year were:

WRITERS—Jean Lytle, Beth Blacksmith, Gloria Buydoso, Peg Chelpanoff, Louise Gezzi, Paula Gordon, Cindy Hrobak, Dorene Kerr, Donna Ordakowski, Janice Ordakowski, Carol Pivni, Lil Tabacchi, Nancy Valerio.

TYPISTS—Barb Burns, Margie Fleck, Helen Giller, Gloria Klimezek, Margie Klobuchar, Bonnie Lager, Eileen Lekse, Flo Maliszewski, Bea Olar, Barb Pawloski, Vicki Pawloski, Sue West.

ARTISTS—Elaine Pernick, Colleen Nelson, Rich Decker.

LEADING JOURNALISTS—Much of the credit for success of The Antler this year can be attributed to these four: Marianne Boch, managing editor; Bobbie Grass, editor-in-chief; Lynne White, business manager and news writer, and Mr. Lavrich, faculty adviser.

BREATHING SESSION—Taking it easy and just “yakking” are the editor and members of the writing staff after just beating out a deadline. Standing, Bobbie Grass, Beth Blacksmith, Jean Lytle, Seated, Dorene Kerr, Louise Reiber, Donna Ordakowski, Josh McCallister.





THE CHAMPIONS—Winning recognition for themselves, their church, and West Deer High School were members of the YFC Bible Quiz team. They consistently defeated other teams to emerge regional champs. Members of the

award winning group are, from left, Ginger Kenyon, Marion Kenyon, Dick Gilson, Bill Geib, Nancy Hoffman, and Linda Johansson.

Y.F.C. Club Again Produces Champion Quiz Team

"Christ through you can change the world," the motto of the largest and most active of all West Deer High School student organizations—Youth for Christ—reflects the thoughts of the 125 students who actively participate.

Led by capable and devoted leaders, the club enjoyed monthly jaunts to the YFC rallies in Pittsburgh, had "funspirations" of their own, and attended the Spring Fling at North Park and the Teen Reception in Pittsburgh.

However, once again the most notable accomplishment of the organization was the phenomenal success of its triumphant Quiz Team. The team brought fame to West Deer High by winning the regional competition trophy, awarded annually to the best Biblical scholars in Southwestern Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland, as well as the Pittsburgh area championship.

NANCY HOFFMAN and GINGER KENYON, who placed first and second, respectively, in the quiz playoffs, will be members of the Pittsburgh honors quiz team competing for the Eastern Area Championship in Ocean City, N. J.

Officers of the club this year were DICK GILSON, president; BONNIE SETZENFAND, vice president of programming; NANCY HOFFMAN, vice-president of prayer and follow-up; JIM CUNNINGHAM, vice-president of management. GINGER KENYON was elected president for the second semester; BILL GEIB, secretary.

During the Christmas vacation, the annual Capital Teen Convention was held in Washington, D. C. DAVE BOLLENBACHER represented West Deer.

Another highlight of the club year was the appearance of ANN and RONNIE NYE, national recording stars. The two were former well known night club singers who turned to gospel singing. They were really enjoyed at West Deer High.

One other honor was given to the West Deer club—a pizza party! This was for having the largest membership at one of the area rallies.

All in all, it was another mighty exciting and progressive year for one of the most worthwhile clubs at school.

YFC CELEBRITY—Ronnie Nye, center, and his wife, seated, thrilled YFC members with a program of gospel singing. The Nyes were former night club entertainers. Gathered around the couple are YFC officers Bonnie Setzenfand, Nancy Hoffman, Ginger Kenyon, Dick Gilson, and Jim Cunningham.





PICTURE OF POISE—Joyce Monnier models her own creation at the Future Homemakers of America fashion show.

FNA, FTA, FHA Help Students Decide on Future

West Deer students have found that one of the best ways to prepare for special future occupations is to become a member of one of our three "future" clubs. They are the Future Nurses, Future Teachers, and Future Homemakers.

Each of the three clubs had a particularly active year.

The FTA, with a record-breaking 53 members, led with a formal initiation, a visit to Clarion State College, and a pepped up student teaching program.

Installation of new members, a visit to Shadyside Hospital, and making dolls for Children's Hospital was included in the year's agenda for FNA. The one day which will be remembered, however, was when the new members wore white nurse-like caps throughout the day in school.

The main project of FHA was a Mother's Day Fashion Show and initiation. During the event, girls modeled latest styles each constructed on her own.



READY TO STEP OUT—Fashions for "Around the Clock" was the theme for this year's FHA fashion show. Showing some of their personally made outfits are Carol Wagner, Pat Kondrak, Virginia Shelestak, Patty Zembracki, Gerry Cieszynski, and Kathleen Gardner.

FHA, FTA, FNA

IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED—FTA members Linda Hails and Mary Jo Kosdemba get some information about Clarion State College from Walter Hart, director of admissions, who was guest speaker at the West Deer High School FTA formal initiation program.



WINNER—Donna Ordakowki, left, was named "Miss FTA" on the basis of an essay and her active part in FTA this year. She's seen with Mrs. DiGirolamo, FTA sponsor.



THE NURSES—Student nurse Arlene Marshall, a WD graduate, caps FNA member Karen Reiber with approval of fellow student Marie Guerrieri, also a WD alumna. Other FNA officers in the picture are, seated, Louise Reiber, Nancy Dyer. Standing, El Nypaver, Judy Tomaszewski, Neil Nolker.



Nurse Arlene tells of her experiences.

A chat with nurses from Citizens Hospital.



HOW DID IT GO, COACH?—Having a little chat with faculty director Mr. Kristofik following a performance are Rich Dickson, Marianne Boch, Nance Papriska, Dave McMaster, and Sheral Brick.



Dobie's 'Many Loves' Set Fun Plot for Senior Play

Ferrous sulfide flooding the school, lovely Helen trapped in a ventilating duct, and a \$1,000 bond which just seemed to have melted away were among the multitude of calamities that beset Dobie, the hero of this year's Senior Class Play.

The fun-filled 3-act comedy, by Max Shulman, "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis," featured some unforgettable acting performances by West Deer thespians, and a first-class directing job by MR. KRISTOFIK.

DAVE McMASTER came through in Academy Award fashion as the bewildered but lovable Dobie. MARIANNE BOCH was "just right" as Bonnie, the pretty girl who Dobie finally realizes has grown up.

SHERAL BRICK played the femme fatale for whom Dobie "would gladly climb Mt. Everest," while

RICH DICKSON was the enterprising "big man" (star athlete, Echo editor, though not much in the brain department) on campus.

"Happy Stella" and her band, with GARY SIMONETTI as the incomparable Stella, literally convulsed the audience with their antics. The slap-happy musicians group included JOHN MERLI, RICH GILSON, RAY BARON, DAN JONES, and ED MORO. They also introduced a new West Deer song, "Mixie and Dixie," composed by our own "Mr. K."

Other leading character parts were portrayed by NANCE PAPRISKA, as Limbo Lamb, the glamorous starlet; JOSH McCALLISTER, the freckled 12-year old brat Imogene; DON BOBISH, the near-sighted English teacher.

WOWIE . . . WOWIE!—Petey and Dobie kind of like what they see in their old classmate, Bonnie.

OUR LEADER—The "Happy Stella Kowalski Scottish Five" listen (?) as their leader, Gary Simonetti, calls for "decre-scendo." From left are Ray Baron, Ed Moro, Dan Jones, Dick Gilson, John Merli.





WHAT NOW?—Li'l Imogene (Josh McCallister) prepares something new and devilish.

ALLURING—Sheral Brick portrayed the part of Helen, the girl for whom Dobie "would gladly climb Mount Everest."



I'VE GOT PROBLEMS!—Dobie (Dave McMaster) finds consolation for the difficulties of life on the soft shoulders of beautiful but vain Limbo Lamb, the movie starlet, played by West Deer's Nancy Papriska.

"THE MANY LOVES OF DOBIE GILLIS"

By Max Shulman

Directed by Mr. Stephen Kristofik, Jr.

Dobie	Dave McMaster	Mrs. Dixon	Linda Broge
Bonnie	Marianne Boch	Mr. Dixon	Wil Brubaker
Petey	Rich Dickson	Miss Neuman	Fran Kulyn
Helen	Sheral Brick	Limbo Lamb	Nancy Papriska
Miss Forepaugh	Kathy Makuta	Lola	Sandy Evans
Mr. Pipgrass	Don Bobish	Polly	Louise Reiber
Imogene	Josh McCallister	Frannie	Peg Chelpanoff
Mr. Harrington	John Siekierski	Sally	Carolyn Budz
"Happy Stella"	Gary Simonetti	Mr. Gillis	Leroy Beckes
Majeska	John Merli	Adele	Barb Pawloski
Rutka	Rich Gilson	Bill	Joe Slenkovich
Sletka	Ray Baron	Maudie	Roseann Romack
Simpka	Ed Moro	Pansy	Jill Hartz
Dombra	Dan Jones	Student	Jean Lytle

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MAKE UP—Louise Gezzi, Lee McDonald, Bev Rearick, Lynne White, Rose Mary Kotts, Sherry Dembaugh, Nancy Erskine, Sue West, Dorene Kerr

PROGRAM—Bea Olar, Miriam Siriano, Judy Swanhart, Sue West, Bev Grosick, Lee McDonald, Joyce Monnier, Gloria Klimezek

PROPERTIES AND SCENERY—Pat Pernick, Bob Paszek, Tom Buttyan, Denny Zock, Patsy Smith

PUBLICITY—Roberta Grass, Ed Hollo, Sheralanne Brick, Ken Sukanovich

TICKET COMMITTEE AND USHERETTES—Donna Ordakowski, Beth Blacksmith, Dorene Kerr, Diann Waite, Helen Gillner, Joyce Arbogast, Joyce Monnier, Gloria Lassinger, Eileen Lekse

In Football—The Year We Lost by One Touchdown

Try to sum up the 1962 football season, and all you can say is "it was the year we lost by one touchdown." Of the five losses suffered, four were by a one-touchdown margin or less.

The campaign book closed with a 4 wins—5 losses record for the year. However, the cold statistics of that record book could never tell what really happened during the season, described by many as one of the oddest (or should we say "most frustrating") in West Deer's 20-year gridiron history.

For instance, it started in extra sensational fashion in the very first game. Who will forget the opening kick-off when Hampton carried it all the way for a TD. But then a few moments later, West Deer retaliated, Bob Uchic going 81 yards for a score (this one called back, however) on the Braves' first play of the year. And who will ever forget that very same game when West Deer trailed 20-6 up until the end of the third quarter. Then Coach Dave Whartenby's forces caught fire and scored three successive TD's to win the game, 25-20. The home crowd went wild!

But there were more oddities to come, both good and bad. The second game brought the mighty Lions of Arnold here. West Deer bowed out 14-7, but not until they gave the team later to be crowned Conference Champions their toughest game of the year.

The Richland game was next. Amid a steady driz-

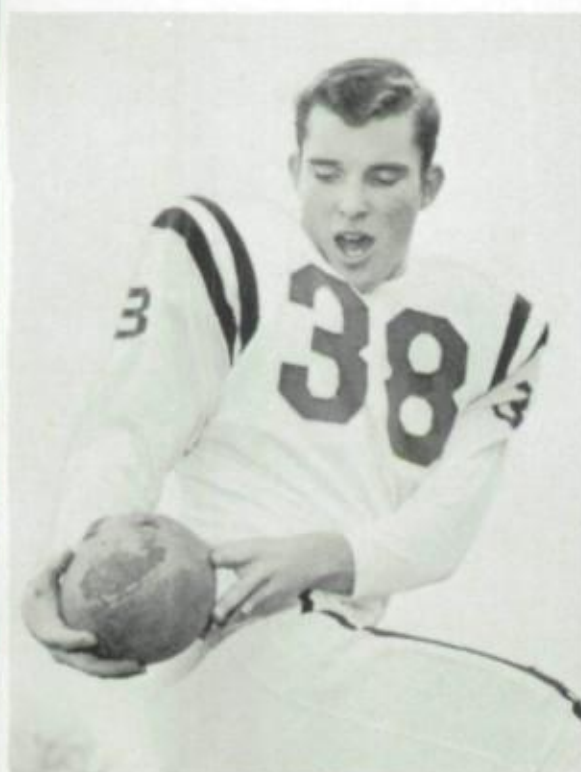
zle, the WD line reaped commendations for adding another shut-out. The 20-0 whitewashing of Richland marked the 11th time in the past 21 games that the Brave line held opponents without a score. That mark is considered a school and possible district record.

Next came the frustrating one touchdown losses to Tarentum, 7-0; Plum, 6-0, and Freeport, 6-0. The games have been played over a hundred times by bleacher quarterbacks who saw how West Deer could have won "easily." Nevertheless, they went into the books as bonafide losses.

One of the bright spots of the year, of course, was the victory over ancient rival East Deer. Releasing all their pent-up emotions accumulated during the three straight one-touchdown defeats, the Braves pounded the Bucks, 26-6. The famed Antler Trophy again remained in the WD display case for another year.

To conclude the year of unusual incidents was the real grand finale when WD tackled a strong Springdale team, losing out 20-6. What made it unusual was the fact that our field general, Bob Uchic, passed for a record-breaking five touchdowns. Ironically, four of these were called back as the result of minor penalties.

So that was it. The year we lost by one touchdown. You were there. Will you ever forget it?



DECEPTIVE—
Jim Cunningham, a threat running or pass receiving, was the man opposing defense had to stalk.



TD PRODUCER—Steve Nagy was another of the long line of successful athletic Nagys at WD. He emerged one of the leading point-makers of the year.



DEPENDABLE—Ronnie Ellena, senior stalwart in the front line, was one of the several unsung heroes in West Deer's phenomenal 11-game shutout record.



READY TO GO—Brian Kristoff and Dave McMaster provided that much needed backfield depth that separates a weak team from the powerhouse, championship squad.



"UCH" HEADS FOR ANOTHER TD—A familiar sight this season was West Deer's sensational No. 22, Bob Uchic, passing for a touchdown or picking up interference and galloping for one on a "bootleg" play.



FOREWARD WALL—You had to break through Mike O'Malley, Joe Zenewicz, and Len Navarro before you could do any scoring against West Deer. The trio composed an impenetrable portion of the big front line that allowed only one team to score more than twice against the Braves.

1962 FOOTBALL SEASON RECORD

West Deer	25	Hampton	20
Arnold	14	West Deer	7
West Deer	20	Richland	0
Tarentum	7	West Deer	0
Plum	6	West Deer	0
Freeport	6	West Deer	0
West Deer	26	Edfra	6
Springdale	20	West Deer	6

Total Points Scored by West Deer	84
Total Points Scored by Opponents	79
Last Year's Record	4-3-2
This Year's Record	3-5
All-Time School Record	65-102-11

Football

GO GET 'EM, LADS!—A few of the pops look well pleased as they watch a WD gain during Parents' Night.



JUGGO ROLLS—Burly Ron Trevellini, West Deer's famed human tank, finds a hole manufactured by Leo Zilla (34) and Bob Paszek (55) and romps through for some needed victory yardage.

VARSITY FOOTBALL SQUAD—Front row, Coach Whartenby. Kneeling, Bob Uchic (24), Walt Kaspryszyn (48), Al Burns (53), Tom Wells (36), Steve Nagy (28), Dave Falconer (11), Dave Kashlak (52). Second row, Manager Earl Matko, Les Nolker (13), Dave McMaster (16), Joe Paskorz (15), Bill Murray (54), Paul Martinez (25), Patsy Smith (12), Coach Schultz, Coach DiMarco, Rich Cale (32), Randy Girdwood (24), Ted Leggens (26), Jim



HAPPY BLOCKBUSTER—Chud Nolker is generally a friendly guy to know, but he proved to be murderous on the football field. The big tackle was named to the Valley News All-Star Team.

Cunningham (38), Mike Bridgewater (43), Nick Gbur (23), Manager Tom Kelly. Back row, Bob Paszek (55), Len Navarro (17), Mike O'Malley (41), Larry Guerrieri (30), Hank Trevellini (46), Jack Shields (27), Jim Tedesco (39), Chud Nolker (37), Joe Zenewicz (37), Rich Fuhrer (21), Joe Bzorek (49), Al Brocious (41), Al Vagnozzi (25), Harry Compson (40), Brian Kristoff (22), Ron Ellena (33).





PASS COMPLETED—Uchic (22) gets solid front line support, passes to Nagy (41) who goes for the touchdown.

West Deer Passing Attack Rated Best in Area

"Stop Bob Uchic and West Deer's passing attack, and you have them beat."

That was the general understanding among teams that took on the Braves this season.

Their reckoning was just about right, for it was West Deer's strong aerial offensive that gained most of their yardage all year.

Statistics show that West Deer backs heaved a total of 103 passes during the campaign, completing 63.

In charge of the tossing was BOB UCHIC, West Deer's hall-of-fame field general, who marked his third year as varsity quarterback. Bob's two best efforts were in the first game against Hampton when he teamed up with his ends to complete a phenomenal 10 out of 12 passes. At Springdale, he threw five passes that scored or set up touchdowns (although four were called back for minor infractions.)

By the end of the season, Bob's passing ability had garnered many laurels for himself and his school. He was named to the Valley News All-Star team, Post Gazette team, AV Conference Most Valuable Player, and honorable mention to the state All-Star team. His high scholastic standing enabled him to win many scholarship offers, including the one he accepted at West Virginia University.

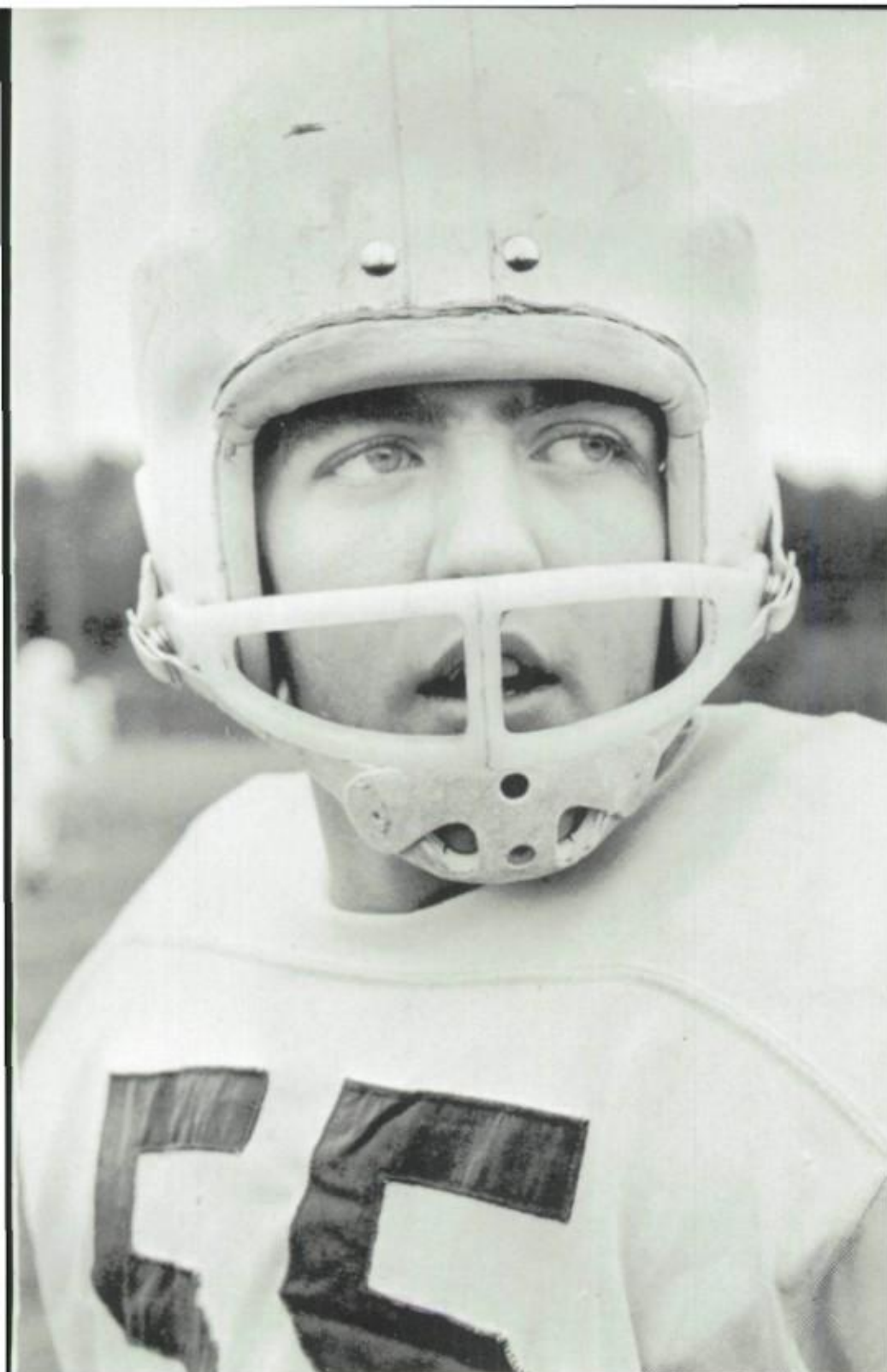
Not merely a deceptive and swift ball-handler, Bob also did the punting and, on many occasions, gained huge yardage on quarterback "keeper" plays.

It will be some time before West Deer will forget this athlete—a true sportsman, both on and off the gridiron.

BOB UCHIC

West Deer's Hall-of-Fame Field General





POWERHOUSE—"Don't go around when you can go straight through" was the motto of Ron Trevellini, the Brave's hard driving fullback with muscles of steel.



Plenty of Action

ANCHOR MAN—Spearheading the tough WD line was Bob Paszek, the guy opponents feared most. Bob's stellar defensive and offensive play earned him positions on the Valley News and AIC All-Star Teams.

BATTLEGROUND FURY—Uchic (22) hands off to Smith who heads for the opening made by Nolker.



SPEEDY—"Mighty fast" is the way they described Patsy Smith who gave WD fans many a thrill by emerging out of nowhere to elude all opponent tacklers and outrace them to the goal.



BACKFIELD ACE—Tom Wells took on the chores of backfield workhorse, slamming away for yardage just when it was needed most.

Football

TOP RECEIVER—Ted Leggens proved to be one of Uchic's main targets this year. The agile end was responsible for many of the pass completions, including a couple of real razzle-dazzle catches.



Marked '62 Season

MEMORABLE PLAY—One of the most exciting plays of the year was Steve Nagy's thrilling shoe-string pass catch at Edfra, recorded here by telephoto lens of the alert Coalagra cameraman. The play set up a West Deer touchdown.





IT'S GOOD!—A kick for extra point produces action at the line.

Gridiron Scenes

"O.K., COACH"—Coach DiMarco emphasizes a few points at halftime.



HAPPY BRAVES—Gay emotions show through on both coaches and players as the tide turns in West Deer's favor.



"AW, REF"—Coach Whartenby doesn't quite agree.

OUR BUDDIES—The real pals of all football players at WD are the moms who are members of the hardworking Varsity Mothers Club.



Future Varsity Talent Shows on Junior High Team

Rebuilding from its championship previous year, the Junior High football squad found some tough sledding in this campaign.

In all, the young Braves lost three close games, won one, and tied one.

Most of the satisfaction of the year for the coaches concerned some effective ball playing by various individuals. A standout was ED MISKEVICH, a center who played to win every minute of every game.

Stellar backfield men included PAT DUGAN, GARY SOBOTKA, and BILL REITH. Offensive ends JEFF HUBBS and BOB FIELDS also came through with their share of yardage, while BILL PAWLOSKI was a strong defensive end.

All agree there's still more to be heard from these young West Deer gridgers in the years ahead.



WHO'S PILING ON??—There's nothing the Junior High gridgers liked better than a "bit" of rip-roaring action at the line of scrimmage.

JUNIOR HIGH SQUAD—Front row, seated, Wynn Kenyon, Dudley Lose, Bill Fulton, Jim Wright, Ozzie Kenyon, Joe Murray, Jeff Hubbs. Second row, Tom Kapustik, Randy Zalewski, Jim Bibri, Dennis Burchell, Frank Bibri, Dave Waszkiewicz, Rich Bartchy, Wayne Gillam. Third row, Coach Andriko, Bill

Reith, Ed Miskevich, Gary Sobotka, Pat Campbell, Bill Pawloski, Bob Field, Steve Stiveson, Coach Paskorz. Back row, Greg Hogan, Den Brudney, Nick DeMartini, Carl Angeloff, Bob Grandy, Ted Guzy, and Mike Stephan. The li'l Braves again rated on top.





WE DID IT—It was a jubilant WD team that celebrated after downing Verona for the Section Crown. Members are, kneeling, Tony Plesha, Frank Tabacchi, Coach Schultz, Rich Cale, Gary Johns, Coach Marsili, Dave McMaster, Jack Grunden, Rich Dickson, Standing, Ron Cotton, Ron Bennett, Ron Lassinger, Joe Paskorz, Bob Paszek, Bob Uchic.

FOUL ON YOU—Says referee to Jack Grunden who obviously didn't like the call made during the championship game. Verona player looking on with interest is Holt.



This Was the Year

IT'S MINE—Grunden (32) and Holt of Verona battle it out for the rebound. Ready to assist are Braves Bob Uchic (44) and Joe Paskorz.



e Did It in Basketball - The Champions !!



You can sense the tenseness and excitement in the air. The clock is ticking away the seconds ... 5 ... 4 ... 3 ... 2 ... 1—and the final buzzer sounds. Suddenly pandemonium reigns among the West Deer rooters. The mighty Braves have won another "BIG" one!

This was the story all season as the cagers of COACH JIM MARSILI compiled a record-shattering season.

The big, heavy quintet of BOB PASZEK, RICH DICKSON, JACK GRUNDEN, BOB UCHIC, JOE PASKORZ, and company brought home, for the first time in the 20-year history of the school, the WPIAL Section Crown.

In a tough Section 19, which had the likes of Verona's Gary Lyle and Oakmont's Rick Carlberg, the Deermen compiled a 12-2 ledger, their only losses being to Verona and Sharpsburg.

Taking the title wasn't as easy as the records would have one believe. When the regular season ended, Verona and West Deer were tied for first place with identical records of 12-2, necessitating a play-off to decide the champions. In a packed Arnold gym the WD boys decisioned the Panthers, 57-47, to gain the right to advance in WPIAL elimination play. It was a close hard-fought contest with the Braves only pulling substantially ahead in the final minutes of play.

West Deer went marching on to the quarter-finals at Mt. Lebanon, opposing a huge, heavily favored Fort Cherry team. The Braves weren't ready to let anyone stop them from going to the Field House, as they downed the Rangers 41-40. Every WD fan there aged five years as, in the final seconds of play with the Braves sporting a one point margin of victory, a Ranger made a desperation shot that circled the rim of the hoop before falling off. It was another great team effort as our boys won with hustle and sheer determination.

The next stop for the WD team and, as it turned out, the final one, was the semi-finals at the Pitt FIELD HOUSE! The West Deer squad was defeated by Edgewood, Section 15 champs and defending state champs, 58-54, in another close one.

And so, the greatest basketball season in West Deer High School history came to a dramatic close.

With such a triumphant season, the WD five did a stunning job of tearing down previous records and establishing new ones. It was, needless to say, the best season record in WD history, 18-4, and the best league record 12-2.

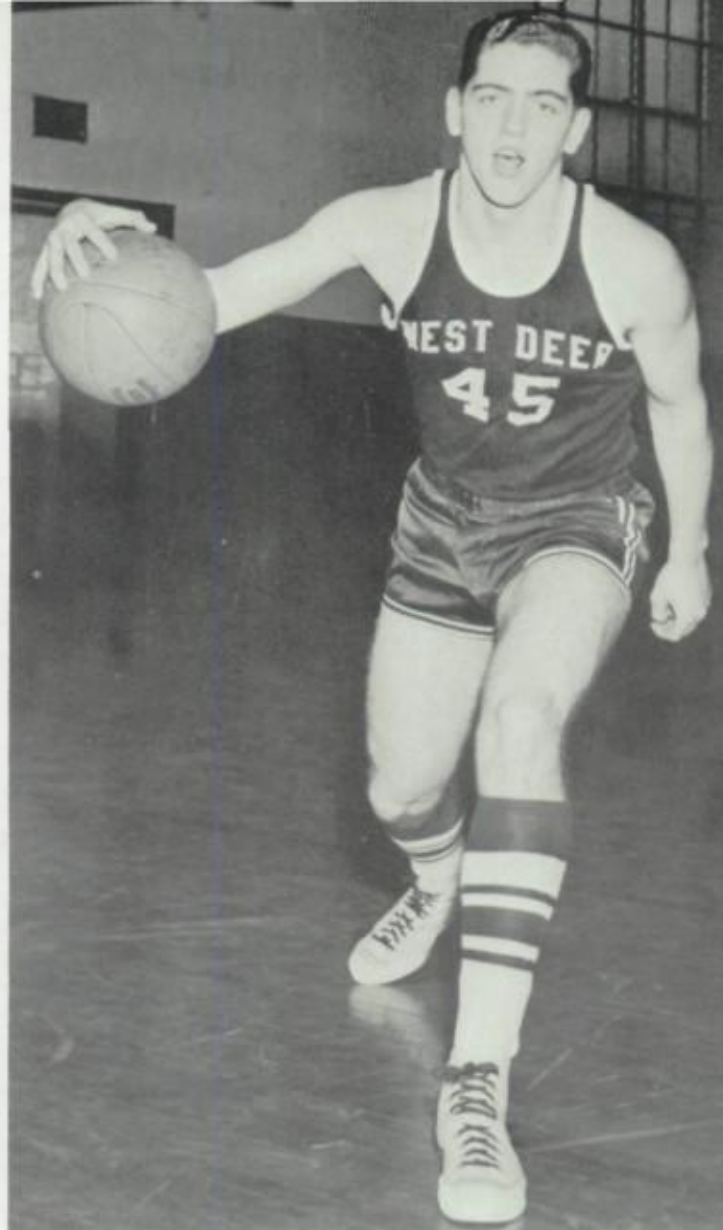
The Braves also set a new scoring mark at Millvale with a 91-61 victory.

Offensively, West Deer scored 1,246 points for a 62.30 points-a-game average, while giving up 1,015 points for a record low average of 50.75 (includes only regular season play).

The previous record of eight consecutive victories fell as the quintet made it 10 in a row before being upset by Sharpsburg.



JACK GRUNDEN . . . named Most Valuable Player . . . 32 points in one game just short of record 35 held by brother Bob . . . was tough in playoffs.



BOB PASZEK—season's high scorer with 326 points . . . thrilled home and opponent fans alike with his fantastic outside shots . . . his speed and fast breaks constantly threw opponents off track.



BOB UCHIC—a consistent player . . . was the stand-out in Verona playoff game with 20 points.

COMING THROUGH—Opponents know Joe Paskorz means business as he starts a break for the basket.



Team Effort—Key to Braves' Champion Success

EXHIBITION GAMES

West Deer	57	Apollo	27
West Deer	65	Arnold	50
West Deer	30	Shaler	49
West Deer	51	Knoch	58
West Deer	65	Freeport	35
West Deer	77	Alumni	57
West Deer	72	Kittanning	45
West Deer	50	Etna	37

PLAY-OFF GAMES

West Deer	57	Verona	47
(Section Tie Play-off)			
West Deer	41	Fort Cherry	40
(WPIAL Quarter-final Play-off)			
Edgewood	58	West Deer	54
(WPIAL Semi-final Play-off—Field House)			

LEAGUE GAMES

West Deer	35	Verona	52
West Deer	60	Richland	39
West Deer	77	Hampton	54
West Deer	69	Sharpsburg	48
West Deer	42	Oakmont	38
West Deer	91	Millvale	61
West Deer	66	Edfra	52
West Deer	47	Verona	44
West Deer	73	Richland	28
West Deer	74	Hampton	52
West Deer	46	Sharpsburg	55
West Deer	59	Oakmont	45
West Deer	83	Millvale	41
West Deer	59	Edfra	38

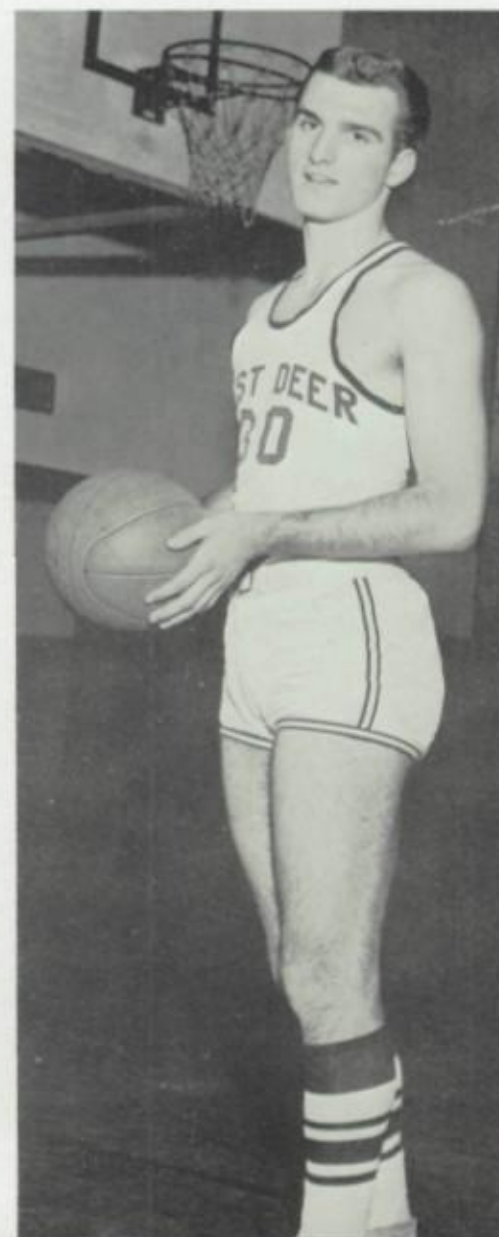
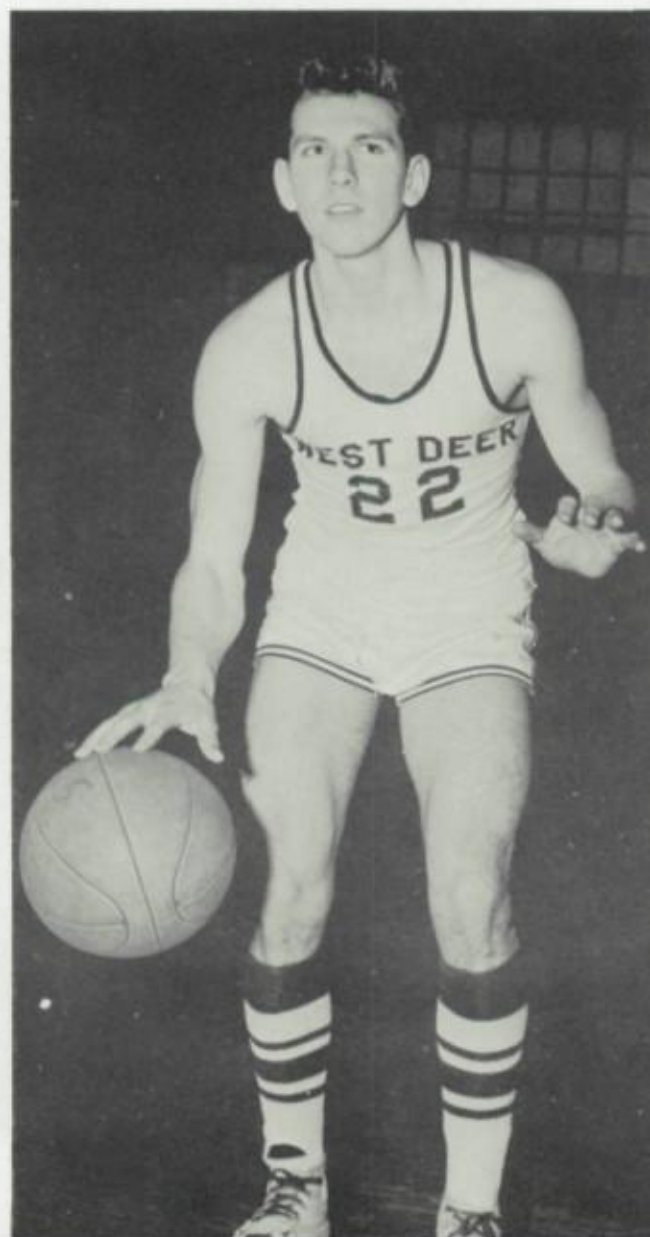
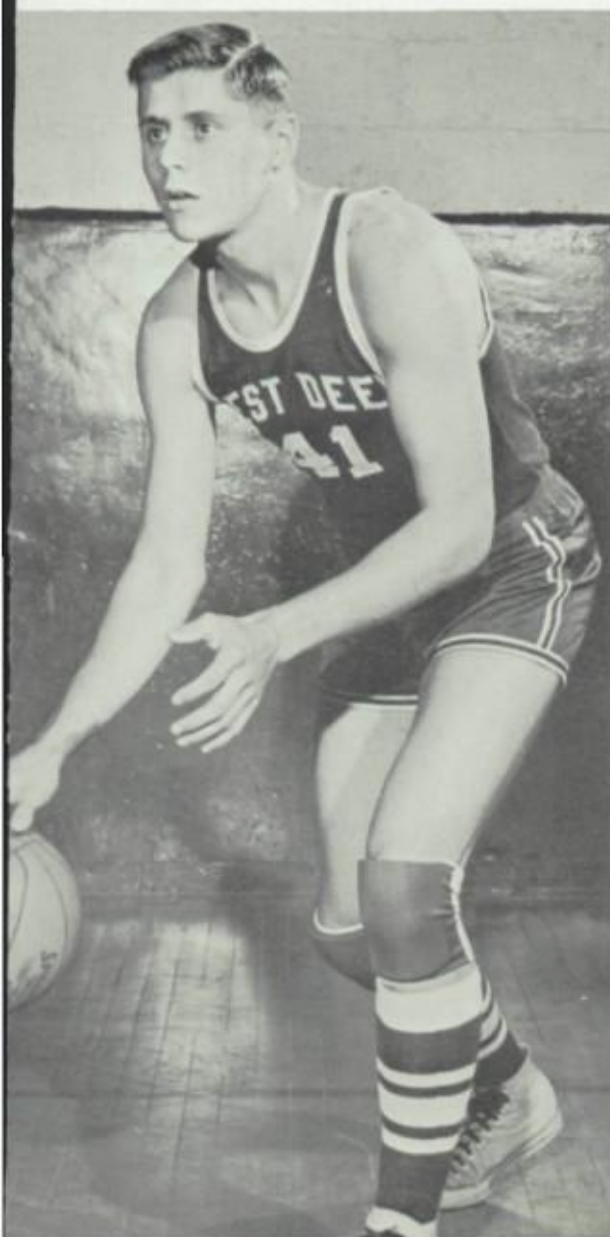
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	FG	FA—FM	Pts.
Robert Paszek	133	94—60	326
John Grunden	125	92—69	319
Robert Uchic	89	94—63	241
Richard Dickson	85	86—40	210
Joseph Paskorz	69	80—47	185
Tony Plesha	10	19—7	27
Richard Cale	4	8—1	9
Ronald Bennett	3	8—3	9
David McMaster	1	2—1	3
Ronald Cotton	1	2—1	3
Frank Tabacchi	1	0—0	2

RICH DICKSON—top rebound man and play-maker of the WD five . . . although he specialized in pulling in the rebounds, Rich could be counted on to score in the double figures.

JOE PASKORZ—outstanding ball handler . . . was the guy assigned to stop opponents' "big guns" . . . effectively bottled-up Verona's ace Lyle in play-offs, thereby enabling WD to win.

TONY PLESHA — injured in first game of year, but came back in late season to provide needed impetus for the championship drive . . . only a sophomore.





DAVE McMASTER



RON COTTON



RON BENNETT



FRANK TABACCHI

Well Balanced Squad Brought WPIAL Trophy to West Deer

GIVE 'EM ALL YOU HAVE—Coach Marsili fires up his boys with a little pep talk during time out.



FOR YOU, DICKSON—WD's Grunden and Oakmont's Kerr leap high to gain possession of the ball.



UP YOU GO—Bob Paszek eyes the basket high overhead, ready to sink one of his famous hook shots. Attempting to defend is Rich Carlberg of Oakmont.



RICH CALE

RON LASSINGER

GARY JOHNS





JUNIOR VARSITY SQUAD—Front, Coach Schultz, and managers Bill Henry and Harry Long. Standing, Harry Compson, Kim Stevenson, Ron Shelestak, Larry Simonetti,

Randy Girdwood, Dave Kashlak, Ken Drombosky, Paul Martinez, John Boris, Bob Stanko, Jim McMullen.

IT'S OURS—Ron Shelestak and Paul Martinez haul it in.



Thrilling Sharpsburg Tilt Highlights JayVees' Year

If you go by the won and lost record, the Junior Varsity basketball season could be rated "so-so." But if you go by thrill-packed, down-to-the-wire games, it was one of the best seasons ever.

Overall, the little Braves of Coach Walt Schultz racked up a slate of seven victories and seven losses.

The number one game of the year proved to be the battle with Sharpsburg. A last second basket by West Deer brought home the victory.

Among leading scorers and top rebounders of the year were DAVE KASHLAK, RANDY GIRDWOOD, RON SHELESTAK, PAUL MARTINEZ, and LARRY SIMONETTI. All these stellar performers will be eyeing starting varsity positions in the seasons ahead.

Junior High Cage Team Rolls Up Record Score

Credit the Junior High basketball team of 1962-63 with coming through with one of the highest scores ever recorded against an opponent.

The young Braves defeated Edfra by a whopping 61-27 mark.

Coach Ernie Andriko's young chargers had a relatively good season, winning nine and losing seven. Triumphs were over Tarentum, Knoch, and Richland (each two times, as well as over Edfra, Sharpsburg, and Hampton.

Sturdy GARY BONGIOVANNI proved to be the pace setter of the year, both in scoring and in rebounds. Other high point men were RAY NAVARRO, BOB FIELD, WYNN KENYON, DANNY WERNER, and TOM RUSH.

With their good start in Junior High basketball, this may be the combo that will set new varsity records in the seasons to come at West Deer.



TIE HIM UP!—It's West Deer's ball, 2-to-1.

JUNIOR HIGH SQUAD—Kneeling, Bob Field, Ray Navarro, Joe Kozora, Dean Girdwood, Wynn Kenyon, Jim

Wright, Tom Rush, Gary Bongiovanni. Standing, Steve Maholic, Dennis Burchell, Ozzie Kenyon.





WHAT'LL WE DO NOW, COACH?—A familiar scene this year was a conference on the mound with Coach Vitkay.

1963 VARSITY BASEBALL SQUAD—Front, Rich Cale, Brian Kristoff, Ron Shelestak, Al Vagnozzi, Jim Cunningham, Ted Leggens, Alvin Hohmann. Middle row, Coach Vitkay, Walt Kaspryszyn, Bill Biehl, Leo Zilla, Ron Cotton, Tony Plesha, Hal Biehl, Joe Paskorz, Bob Bizyak. Back row, Gary Bongiovanni,

Ed Moro, Mike Broda, Dave Kashlak, Larry Simonetti, Ron Lassinger, Jerry Rebrey, Dom Simonetti, Wynn Kenyon, Walt Perozek, Steve Stiveson. Since most of the squad members are undergrads, WD will field a more experienced team next season.



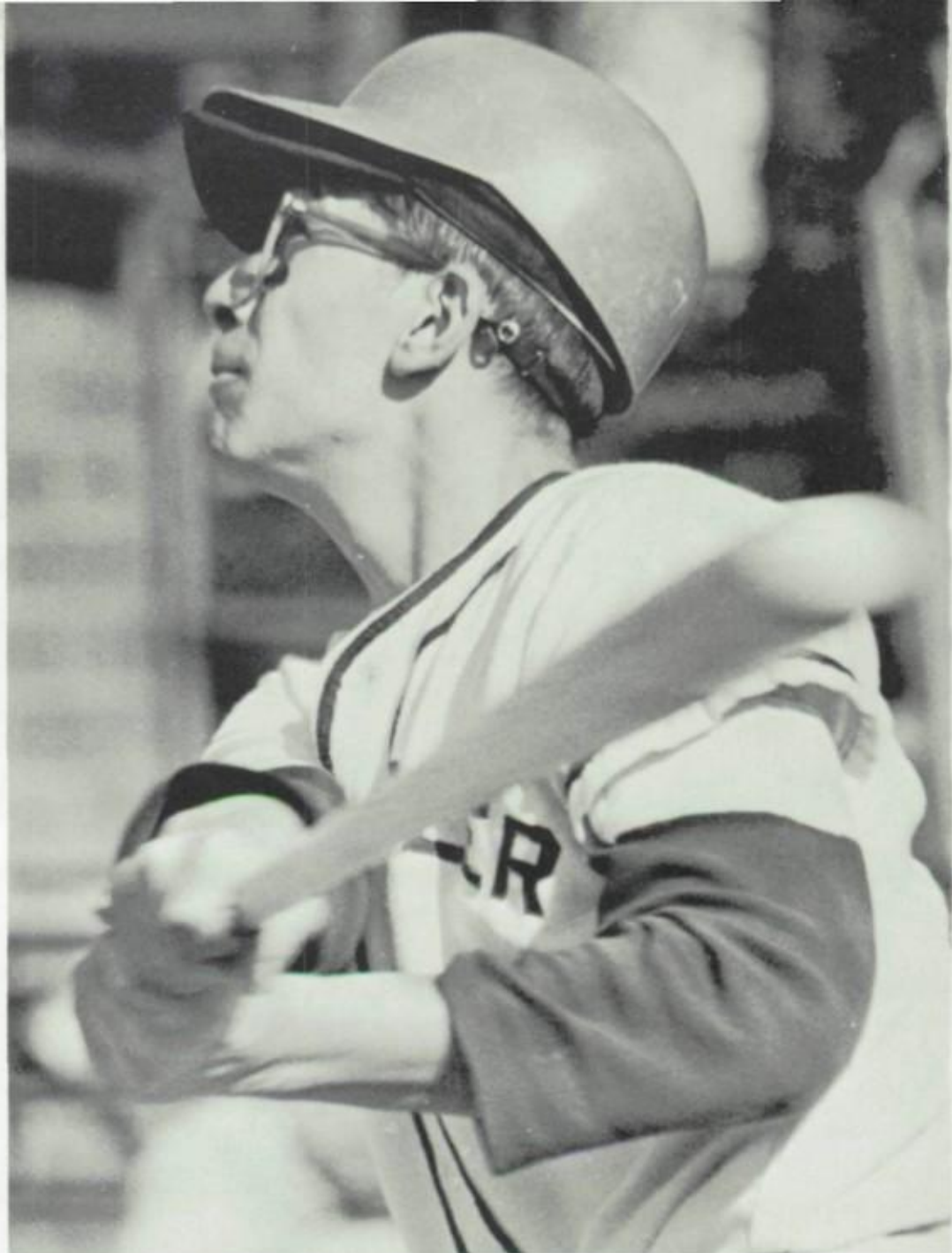
Young Baseball Squad Eyes Better Years Ahead

Baseball came back to West Deer High this year after a five-year layoff, but the old championship ways didn't.

Because of varsity inexperience, Coach Mickey Vitkay had to rely mainly on young athletes who still had to be christened properly in diamond dust.

The Braves compiled a record of two wins as against 10 setbacks. Two of their best games were near upsets of league leading Har-Brack, 5-3, and Ken High, 8-6.

Handling most of the mound duties during the year were DAVE KASHLAK, GARY BONGIOVANNI, HAL BIEHL, and RICH CALE, all underclassmen who will be ready to settle some old scores come next season.



GOING, GOING, . . . GONE—Sophomore Larry Simonetti watches one of his powerhouse drives head high above the outer barriers.





PRETTY CUTE—The varsity cheerleaders take a break to "mug" for the cameraman. From left are Lee McDonald, Donna Latronica, Diane Rokoski, Barb Burns, Linda Micklow, Joanne Hilla, and Gail George.



LEE McDONALD
Senior Co-Head Cheerleader



Cheerleaders Boos

To have been a West Deer cheerleader during the '62-63 term was something special.

It took attractive girls with ability, undying vigor, enthusiasm, and a fierce loyalty to the Braves. The WD teams and student body discovered they had all these qualities, in abundance, in the varsity cheering squad.

Led by seniors **BARB BURNS** and **LEE McDONALD**, the group kept alive interest during the football season when the tide was going against the Deer-



BARBARA BURNS
Senior Co-Head Cheerleader

LITTLE FIRECRACKERS—These peppy Junior High gals did a great job in leading the support for junior varsity teams this year. Seated are Gloria Angeloni, Mary Ann Gezzi, Cindy Tabacchi, and Diane Dembaugh. Standing, Karen Kermes, Beth White, Joan Fryer, and Mary Louise Yourish.

Braves Win Spirit

men, and paced the frenzied fans during those hectic weeks of championship basketball play.

It's memorable, too, that the present cheerleaders were the only ones ever to lead WD Boosters at a championship game, being the sparkplugs for the Brave cause at the Pitt Fieldhouse.

Another honor went also to senior cheerleader LEE McDONALD, who represented WD at the AV all-star basketball game.



Our Queens Endowed with Qualities of Royalty

"Presenting, Her Majesty the Queen!" Those words are the dream of every little girl, but they became a reality this year for four lovely senior girls.

To be selected to a queen title by her classmates, a WD girl must possess poise, charm, personality, scholarship, attractiveness, leadership, and friendliness. This year each of the four queens was endowed generously with all these qualities.

LEE McDONALD, in the spring, won the most cherished of all titles—that of Senior Class Queen. As traditional, the class president, DON BOBISH, reigned as King. Elected to the court were LOUISE GEZZI, LEROY BECKES, LOUISE REIBER, KEN SUKANOVICH, BOBBIE GRASS, BOB PASZEK, JOYCE MONNIER, and GARY SIMONETTI. They presided during Senior Recognition and Move-

up Day festivities.

The first title of the year went to charming KATHY PREISSER, picked by her classmates to be the Homecoming Queen.

ROBERTA GRASS received the next selection, that of WD's Jay-Cee Queen. She ably competed in the queen contest at the game and won first Runner-up Honors.

Beautiful BARBARA BURNS, the varsity cheerleader, and BOB UCHIC, outstanding athlete, were the royal couple of early spring as they ruled as Queen and King of Sports at the annual Varsity Mothers Dance.

All at WD just couldn't be prouder of the well chosen royalty of the year.

CLASS CHOICE—Members of the Senior Court pose for their formal photograph. At center are Queen Lee McDonald and King Don Bobish. Seated are Joyce Monnier, Louise Gezzi, Louise

Reiber, Bobbie Grass. Standing, Bob Paszek, Ken Sukanovich, Leroy Beckes, Gary Simonetti.





*Barbara Burns
Queen of Sports*

*Kathy Preisser
Homecoming Queen*



*Roberta Grass
West Deer Jay-Cee Queen*

Prom

Churchill Valley, Radiant Couples, Gaie

Take one radiant young lady and one debonair young man. Add a corsage of lovely flowers. Place them in the beautiful Churchill Valley Country Club. Mix in plenty of laughter, music, and gaiety—and you have the thrilling Prom, 1963!

The exciting teenage evening began at 8 o'clock at scenic Churchill Valley where Brad Hunt and his orchestra provided dancing music.

By midnight, the students were really on a "Stair-

by the Blue-Tones.

Enticing all couples was the "gamblers' den" set up on "Cloud Nine" (the cafeteria). There were games such as the Horse Course, Spill the Bottles, Hole in One, and Shoot the Moon.

LITTLE PROM NOTES: Everyone at the Prom will never be able to thank the hardworking parents and teachers enough who pitched in to make the event so successful. Thanks again, folks! We're sure lucky, and proud, to have people like you in our township . . .

POLITO, the magician, sure had everyone baffled. He produced seven doves out of nowhere during his act in the gym . . . Special thanks of all go out to MRS. McDONALD who did most of the planning and work connected with "Cloud Nine" game area.

Everyone in the BOCH family will remember the Prom this year because they were all there. MR. and MRS. BOCH again lent a hand with all the work connected with the event, while MARRIANNE, HENRY, and JOYCE and their dates enjoyed the festivities in another way . . .

Who will ever forget the hilarious Horse Course? We suspect this game had a double purpose. Besides being lots of fun, it made many people (JANE SCHRODER in particular) swear off the ponies for life . . .

That was Prom, 1963, at West Deer High School. How can we ever forget it?

Enjoyed also was the nightclub entertainment in the gym which consisted of comedian Texas Tony Garland and master magician POLITO.

Throughout the evening, plenty of refreshments were served up, including double-decker "big boys."

The 1963 Prom concluded officially with breakfast at 5 a.m. It marked the third annual all-night Prom at West Deer, and it again produced memories for many that will last for a long, long time.



ENCHANTING EVENING—Dancing "under the stars" at the Prom.

way to the Stars," the after-Prom party theme. Returning to the West Deer High School gym and signing in at the "Pearly Gates," they were admitted to "heaven," (as the Junior Class realistically portrayed). And a very breath-taking heaven it was! Soft angel-hair clouds, silvery stars, and heavenly blue crepe-paper decorations seemed to carry the couples off into another world. Celestial, smooth music was provided

Tom Davis
and
Joyce Monnier

Mike Horchar
and
Patty Monarko

Ron Lassinger
and
Debbie Antoszyk

George Drombosky
and
Gay Eger

Henry Boch
and
Ann Catherwood



ake 1963 One to be Remembered



Ted Leggens
and
Linda Studebaker

Ed Hollo
and
Carole Malone

Joe Bzorek
and
Joyce Godlewski

Dave Godlewski
and
Carol Gornick

Dave Kallstrand
and
Celia Dernus





Steve Langfitt
and
Kathy Wienskovich



Ron Armstrong
and
Barb Pencak



Leo Zilla
and
Paula Gordon



Ron Ellena
and
Carol Pivni



Pat Thompson
and
Patti Turner



Rich Wenzel
and
Donna Latron

HIGH ABOVE—Junior Class President Tom Castello and date Janet Joyce survey the scene from up on Cloud 9.





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and
Joyce Boch

Rick Tomaszewski
and
Eleanor Nypaver

Jack Grunden
and
Bobbie Grass

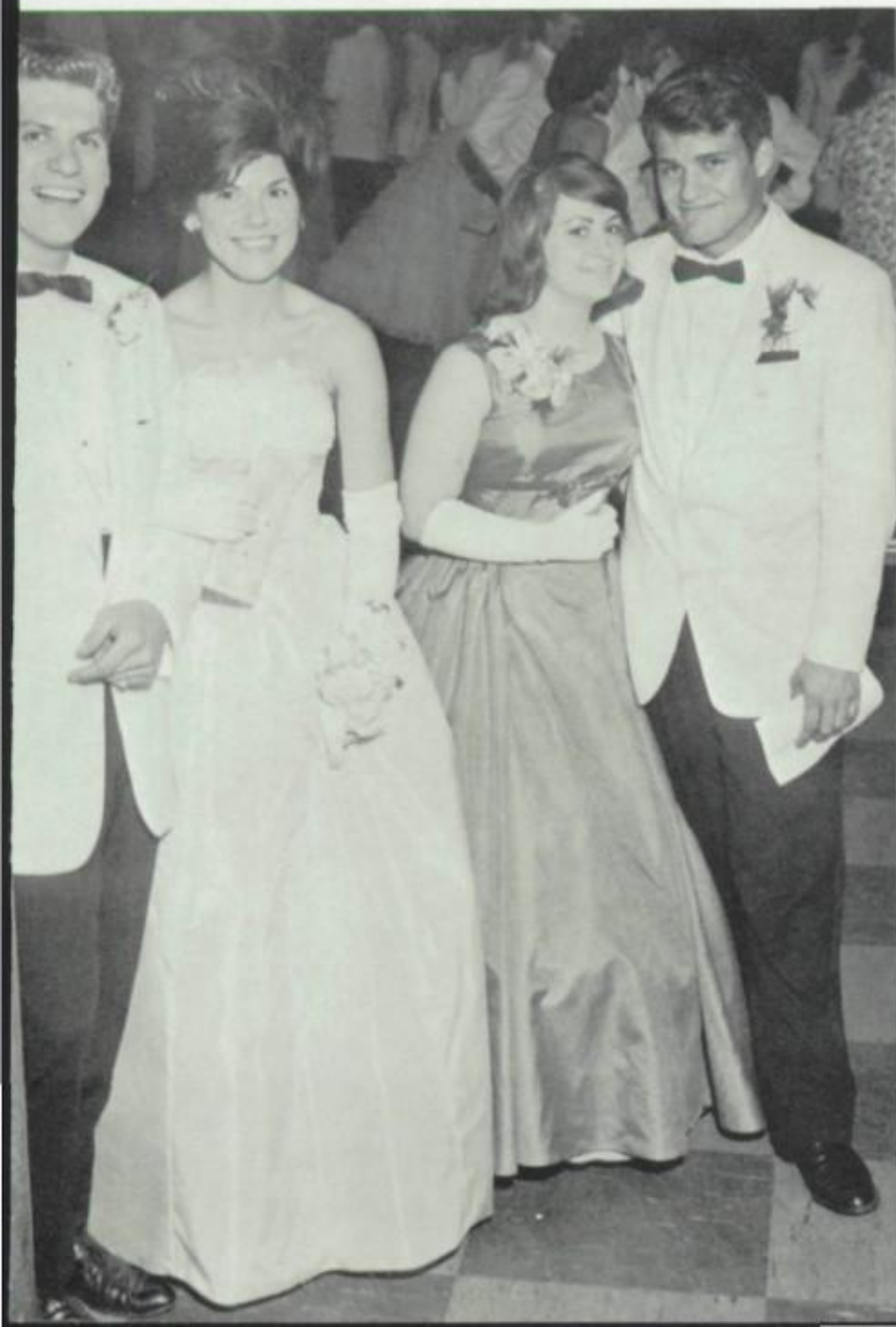
Bill Smay
and
Lee McDonald

Eugene Eversole
and
Ann Kinniburgh

Mike Bridgewater
and
Carol Schneider

Couples Enjoy West Deer High's Number One Event of the Year

COUPLE OF HAPPY COUPLES—Butch Parkinson and Gloria Klimezek and Andi Tipe and Dave Bollinger "radiate" for the Coalagra cameraman.



ALL SMILES—Airman Gary Aken and Sylvia Collier seem to be especially enjoying themselves at the prom recreation.



BUDDY-BUDDIES—Leave it to the Bochs to set a new record. They at least tied an old one by having three members of the family—Marianne, Henry, and Joyce—attending the prom.





FUN—The "Horse Course" provided laughs and thrills for prom-goers. Enjoying it here are Nancy Dyer, John Siekierski, Bob Catherwood, Louise Reiber, Lorraine Halovanic, and Ken Sukanovich.

HEY! A HOLE IN ONE!—Bob Paszek congratulates a pretty surprised Karen Mitchell.



MISCALCULATED—But as Leo Zilla later so profoundly expressed, "You can't win 'em."

Ron Trevellini
and
Kathy Preisser

Tom Castello
and
Janet Joyce

Ernie Koeberlein
and
Diane Rymer

Joel Cunningham
and
Betty Currin

Steve Nagy
and
Lil Tabacchi



Happy Prom Crowd



Dan Jones
and
Cindy Kelly

Tom Kosdemba
and
Georgia McKinniss

Dave McMaster
and
Josh McCallister



Debbie shows it's all in the twist of the wrist . . .



Gloria says it's concentration that counts . . .



Barb attributes it to proper body English . . .

Dennis Fallon
and
Carol Baumgartel

Bob Paholich
and
Connie Godlewski





Larry Hood
and
Jane Schroder



Gary Simonetti
and
Gloria Buydoso



John Sickerski
and
Nancy Dyer



Den Zock
and
Margie Fleck



Paul Beadle
and
Bobbie Walewski



Al Vagnozzi
and
Elaine Pittman



REALLY ENJOYING IT—Entertainment continues on through the wee hours, but the young crowd loves every minute of it.



PRIZE WINNERS—
Receiving prizes for top
scores at Cloud Nine
games were couples
Harold Atkinson and
Mary Pat Payne, Butch
Parkinson and Gloria
Klimezek, and Lil
Tabacchi and Steve Nagy.



Cunningham
and
ne Rokoski

Ed Scopel
and
Louise Gezzi

John Dlugopolski
and
Mary Jo Kosdemba

Ken Sukanovich
and
Lorraine Halovanic

Joe Slenkovich
and
Cookie Grebeck

Prom Ends But Everyone Remains Up in Cloud 9'

IT WAS FUN—Couples enjoy the last dance. They will remember this prom for a long time.



Final Senior Events Create Lasting

JUST LIKE HAWAII!—Tom Wells and Craig Stephen get a special welcome from native maidens Sharon Utescher and Emma Mae Smith during the senior dinner dance

festivities. Decorations (and greetings!) followed a well enjoyed Hawaiian motif.



Class Fellowship

What will the graduates remember most years from now when they think back of their last few weeks at West Deer High?

Will it be those final days of cramming for exams, or rushing to complete that last term paper, or that endless practice in order to march correctly at commencement? No, the moments that will come to most minds will be the fun, laughter, and fellowship of those final class social events—the senior dinner-dance, the class picnic, senior recognition day.

The successful dinner-dance was highlighted by a balmy atmosphere created from the Hawaiian theme and the "hula" girls. Each member was given a lei by the girls, and a few lucky guys were rewarded a kiss besides.

Rainy, chilly weather didn't deter the seniors at their North Park picnic. The boys whipped together a rousing game of softball, while the girls (they weren't allowed to play in the grudge match) watched their favorite guys or went for a ride on the unique bicycle-built-for-two at the park.

And then all too soon those activities were over and became nothing more than memories. However, they helped make the members of the Class of '63 a close, friendly unit, although all realized these terminating events marked the last time some of the classmates would ever be together again as they go their separate ways.



OH, TO BE A KID AGAIN—Joyce Monnier and Margie Klobuchar try out the sliding board at the senior picnic.

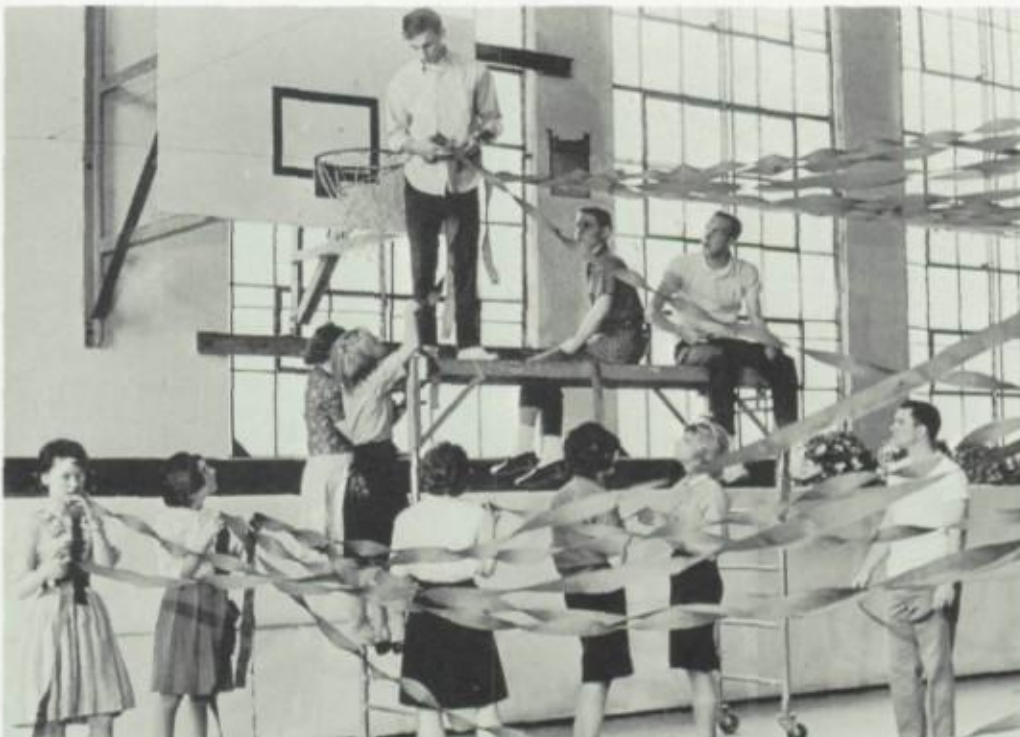


LOTS OF FUN—The gang whoops it up at the senior dinner-dance.

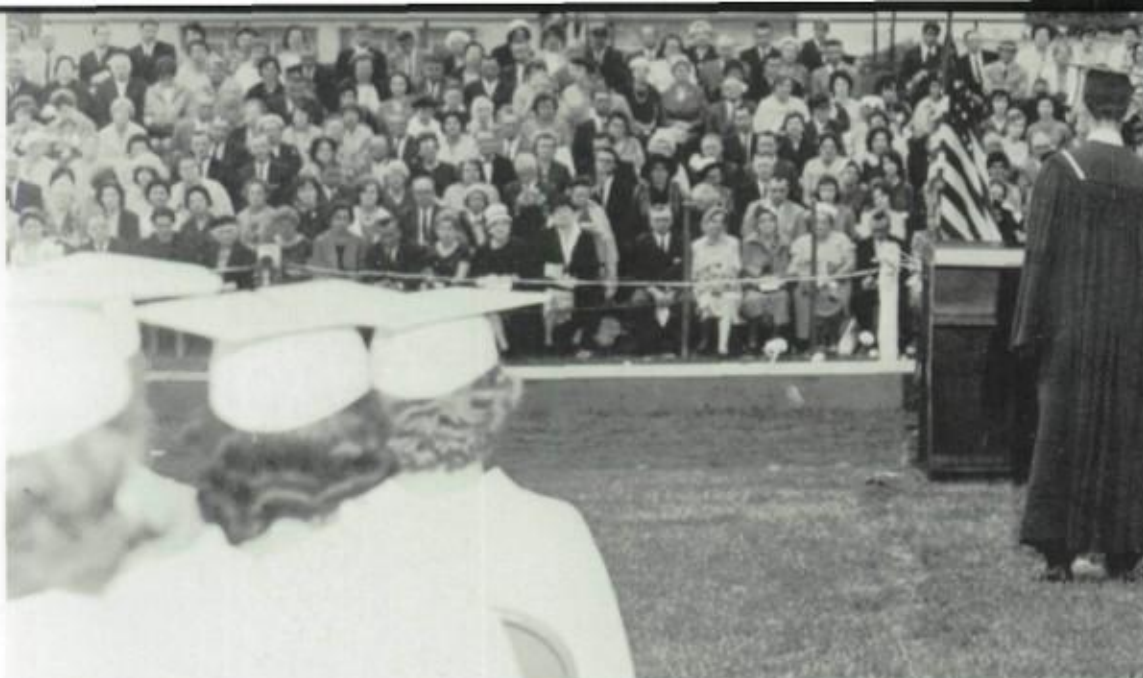
KE SOUTH OF THE BORDER—Doing a little twisting Spanish style are Roseann Romack and Nick Mellon at the S&S.



MAJOR PROJECT—Although it's a lot of work, everyone remembers the fun and satisfaction out of pitching in together to decorate for some big special event.



Outdoor Ceremony Marks End of High School Days



GREETINGS TO ALL—Don Bobish, class president, opens the 19th annual commencement program at West Deer High School by extending a welcome to all parents and friends present.

"I now pronounce you graduates of West Deer High School." So spoke School Board President Robert Hazlett.

With these words were culminated 12 long, but now actually short, years for the Class of 1963—years of tests and textbooks, work and fun, laughter and sometimes sadness. Above all, for many it marked the end of formal classroom learning. These realizations made the 1963 Commencement, the 19th in the history of the school, particularly memorable.

Once again the top honors students delivered the graduation addresses. Centered around the class motto "Not for ourselves, but for all," the panel discussion was led by valedictorian PAUL GRANDY, with MARGIE KLOBUCHAR, LINDA JOHANSSON, LOUISE REIBER, and JOYCE ARBOGAST speaking on different phases of the subject.

In all some 15 scholarships were won by class members. Two surprise presentations made were to LINDA JOHANSSON, the Lions Club Scholarship, and to KEN SUKANOVICH, the Hess Memorial Student Journalism prize. PAUL GRANDY was bestowed the J. R. Montgomery cash award, given annually to the top student in the class.

Other scholarships were won by DON BOBISH, Pitt; DICK GILSON, Wheaton; PAUL GRANDY, Pitt; LINDA JOHANSSON, Grove City; MARION KENYON, Westminster; DONNA ORDAKOWSKI, Duquesne; BOB PASZEK, George Washington U.; LOUISE REIBER, Mt. Mercy; JOE SLENKOVICH, Pitt; KEN SUKANOVICH, New Mexico Tech; BOB UCHIC, West Virginia, and LEROY BECKES, Grove City.

The count at graduation indicated that at least 49 members of the class would continue their education in some type of advanced schooling. None of the girls seemed headed for the altar immediately, with only three being engaged at this time. LEN NAVARRO was expected to be the first member of the class to enter the armed forces.

LEN also happened to be the first to receive his diploma. The last was awarded to LYNNE WHITE,

as she became the 2,003 graduate of West Deer High School. A surprise announcement was made when BOBBIE GRASS received her diploma. She was the official 2,000th graduate of West Deer.

A portable TV was the gift of the Class of 1963. It will be used to view special programs, historic events, etc.

COMMENCEMENT SIDELIGHTS: Weather was again the concern of all prior to the ceremonies, again held outdoors. Rain and cold weather seemed to threaten. However, shortly before the program was to begin, the sun shone through, the wind calmed, and it turned out to be the best weather ever experienced since the graduation was first held outdoors 10 years ago.

The class had one set of twins, JOHN and JO-ANNE BORIS. There were two brothers, BOB and WALT PASZEK, and a brother-sister, EMMA and PATSY SMITH . . . 123 strong, it was the third largest graduating class in the history of the school . . . Something different—there were "enough guys to go around." For the first time in years, none of the girls had to march together. Instead, the two tallest members of the class, BARRY PROTHEROE and RICH DICKSON, had to be partners.

Class members still remember what an ordeal it was marching past "faculty row." Some of the teachers really had a field day joshing the graduates . . . KATHY MAKUTA experienced the honor of having her father award her diploma. MR. MAKUTA, a veteran West Deer member of the Board of Education, proudly presented Kathy's diploma—and a big smooch with it!

Some of the fellows in the back row nearly panicked when they marched onto the field and to their designated area but found no chairs there. They almost had to stand for the ceremonies but for a few on-the-ball band members who gave them their chairs . . . This class represents about the last of the "war babies," people born during World War II. From now on is when graduating classes really get large at West Deer because of the post-war baby crop!

Graduation





JUST FOR YOU—A bit stunned but very happy is Miss Kraft as she displays the surprise gift given her by seniors

for her hardworking and cordial ways as faculty sponsor of the Class of '63. Appreciative graduates share her joy.

It's Those Little Moments You See



LIKE THIS, LEROY—Giving a bit of last minute advice to Lee Beckes on the proper position of his cap is senior teacher Miss Jarema. Steve Nagy seems a bit pre-occupied, while Gary Lockerman looks on with interest.



IN THE FAMILY—Marion Kenyon, honor member of the class, and her father, the Rev. Walter Kenyon, joke around a bit before the baccalaureate service. Rev. Kenyon delivered the traditional message, while Marion sang the "Lord's Prayer."

THE TOP FIVE—Commencement addresses were presented by the leading students of the class in panel discussion form.



To Remember Most About Graduation



ONCE OVER LIGHTLY — Deeply engrossed in practicing the class song before lining up to march out are Dorene Kerr, Nancy Papriska, Marge Fleck, Connie Godlewski.

Graduation



THE BIG MOMENT—Tassels are switched from left to right side and seniors become official WDHS alumni.

Deservant Recognition Came To Many

GOOD WORK, PAUL—Principal Petrina extends congratulations to Paul Grandy after awarding him the J. R. Montgomery "Top Student" cash award.



COMMENDATIONS—Ken Sukanovich stands by as Mr. Petrina announces that he has been selected winner of the H. C. Hess Memorial Student Journalism Award. Ken later was also selected Valley News Carrier of the Year and given a \$250 scholarship by the local newspaper.





THAT'S OUR GIRL—Beaming proudly are Mr. and Mrs. William Grass as they watch Mr. Burns, school district superintendent, extend congratulations to their daughter, Roberta. Bob-

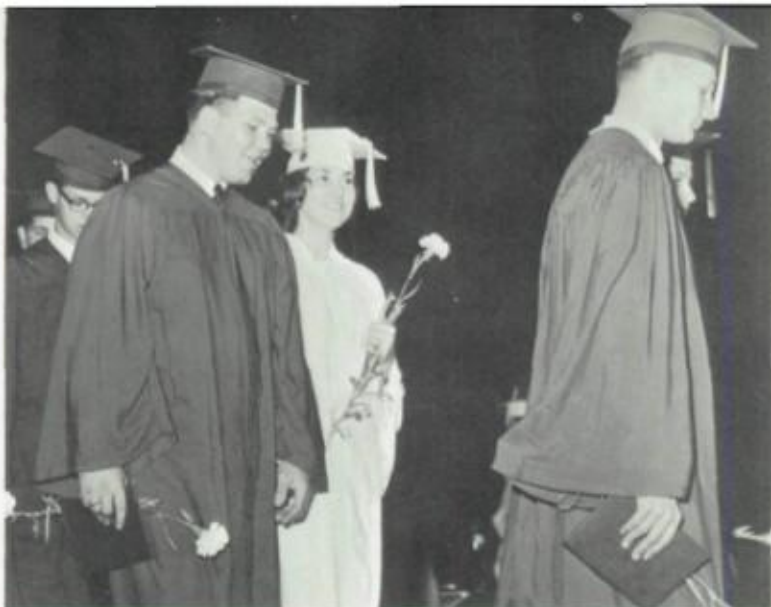
bie clutches her diploma—a very important one—since it happened to be the 2,000th awarded by West Deer High School in this its 19th graduation year.



FOR A FINE STUDENT—Linda Johansson is all smiles as Mr. Antonelli, the club president, awards her the annual \$300 Lions Club Scholarship.

HAIL, DEAR WEST DEER—In a pensive mood are the senior girls as they sing the Alma Mater for the last time. All knew it wouldn't be long before they went their separate ways.





*The Class of 1963 is now part
of West Deer High School's history;
However, the biggest test
for success and happiness
lies in utilizing what has been learned
for the exciting, productive challenges ahead.*

'... Good Luck, Good Health, God Bless You ...'

FAREWELL—Mr. Salvatore leads the chorus in a musical goodbye to the Class of 1963.



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* * *

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Graduates of the Class of 1963:

May we join your parents and friends in extending most sincere congratulations for a job well done. As you know, you now number in the over 2,000 people who hold West Deer High School diplomas in these relatively short 19 years. Already those West Deer graduates before you are making their mark as leaders and good citizens of their community, state, and nation. We earnestly hope you use your knowledge and training acquired during these 12 years to bring personal happiness and success for yourself and your families and to mankind in general. Remember, there's much to be done in this world . . . the opportunities are just as prevalent as ever to those demonstrating initiative, leadership, and the will to do good.

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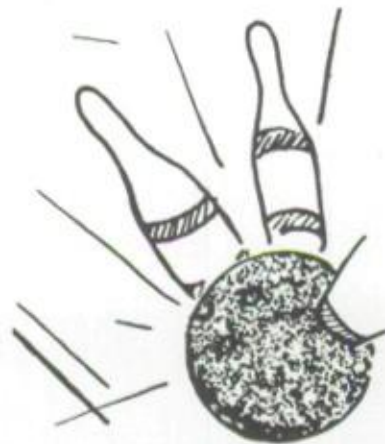
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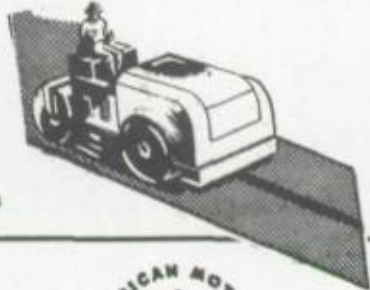
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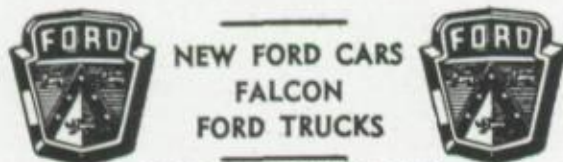
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